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GCSU is looking into a new design for the intersection at West Campus Drive and the 441 bypass. The Department of Transportation will not fund a red light at the intersection, however, the school has money set aside and is approaching other options. Traffic backs up with cars entering and exiting The Village and Magnolia Apartments especially when Baldwin High School is in session.

## Change in store for intersection

*DOT considers options to improve traffic flow*

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Intramural players, The Village and Magnolia Park residents, and Baldwin County High Schoolers may be slowing down.

The Department of Transportation did not approve the installation of a red light to the intersection at West Campus Drive and the 441 bypass, however, GCSU is still planning to make the intersection safer.

**GCSU’s perspective**

With the campus growing outside of downtown, many students are living at West Campus or going there to attend sporting events. Shuttles also go back and forth to West Campus and Main Campus every day. All these extra vehicles strain the already busy

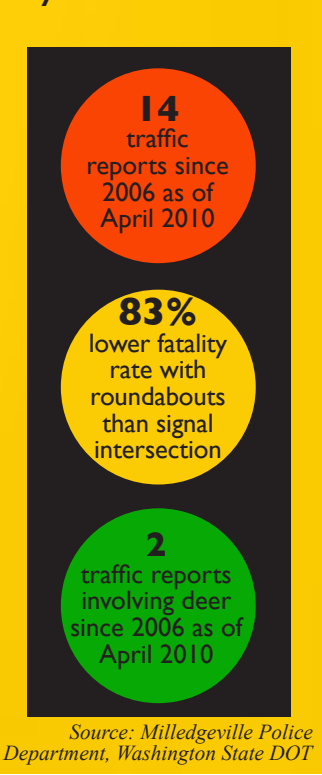
intersection.

“People have to slow dramatically and make turns there with no turning lanes. It’s a real mess,” said Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Dr. Bruce Harshbarger. “When that intersection was built, there was very little traffic there. There wasn’t much at the West Campus...that intersection was never designed for the volume of traffic it now has.”

Additional vehicles crowd the area when Baldwin High School is released in the afternoon, and the 441 bypass is a main thoroughfare to get to the businesses and restaurants of North Columbia Street.

GCSU is willing to foot part of the bill to improve the intersection, along with the

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*Plans underway to redesign West Campus Drive and 441 intersection*

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For the past year and a half, GCSU has been working with the Georgia Department of Transportation, as well as the city of Milledgeville, to install a new red light at the intersection of West Campus Drive and the 441 bypass.

After originally being approved, many budget cuts and discussions about the light have led to the conclusion it is unnecessary. Since there are only two peak traffic times during the day at West Campus—8 a.m. and 3 p.m. (when Baldwin County High School is beginning and ending their day)—paying for a traffic light is not something the GDOT intends to do.

However, for students living in The Village at West

Campus, getting caught in high school traffic and then having to battle to get out onto Highway 441 can be not only time consuming, but dangerous as well.

“Something needs to change. Trying to get out from The Village gets pretty hectic sometimes,” freshman political science major and West Campus resident Danielle Fraser said.

A change is coming. Dr. Harshbarger, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students, has been working to improve the situations for students.

Although a light will not be able to be funded by the GDOT, money was set aside in the budget by GCSU for the redesign of the intersection prior to the budget cuts. Since the school received university funding through

the government, one of the guidelines of the grant is that any money already budgeted for projects must be used for the project.

Furthermore, GCSU has teamed with the city of Milledgeville to finally bring a change to the intersection.

“The final recommendation from the D.O.T. was turn lanes and something to slow down the traffic,” GCSU President Dorothy Leland said.

Changes that can be expected can include a new deceleration lane for getting on to Highway 441, another turn lane and a new alignment between the entrance to West Campus and the Magnolia Apartments

Sophomore outdoor educa

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## New chapter for old bookstore

*Former GCSU facility re-purposing in planning stages*

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To the everyday passerby, the old Pawprints Bookstore may appear desolate: baring its bones, gutted and barren except for construction crew and building materials. However, the building is at a stage in a long chain of alteration, turning over its interior for different use—to become a rehearsal space for GCSU’s dance and music departments.

The bookstore has belonged to the McComb family of Milledgeville for many years, and is currently owned by longtime Milledgeville resident Hunter McComb, whose many-generations-old family homestead lays right next door.

“It’s been said that that there was a large stable before,” McComb said in reference to the property before the existence of the current building.

According to an advertisement from an 1899 issue of the Union Recorder

McComb sold “fine mules and horses cheap” next to Whilden’s stable.

Pawprints, or the McComb building, was built in 1911 as a carriage house.

After its stint as a place for the making and selling of carriages, the building became an automotive dealership and remained so for many years.

“It was a dealership for most of my life,” McComb said. “Bacon Chevrolet.”

The building has only been a bookstore for a short time, a privately owned bookstore starting in the 1980s, and GCSU’s Pawprints thereafter.

The future use of the McComb building promises to be far different from the past. The building will be used by students from both the music and dance departments, but will be divided equally in half with separate entrances and sound-proof walls in the middle to ensure little distraction for both sides. The space will include a dance studio, band room, offices, studios,

dressing rooms, bathrooms and storage closets.

“It will be a user friendly facility that will meet the needs of both of those disciplines,” Assistant Vice President for Facilities Ben Pratt said.

Students aware of the future rehearsal space seem appreciative of the new growth, including senior English major Richard Kim.

“I did wonder what they were doing with that place,” Kim said, “but I’m happy to know that it will go to good use instead of just sitting there, especially considering its history.”

Still others, such as English major Samm Severin, see the project as an opportunity for often overlooked departments to grow.

“We are a liberal arts college and we need to honor that by respecting and funding the arts, even if our dance and music programs are small,” Severin said.



HILARY THOMPSON/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The inside of the old Pawprints Bookstore which has recently been gutted and is under construction. It will be remodeled for use by the dance and music departments.

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## West Campus to add new entryway

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A new gate at the entrance to West Campus is currently in the planning and development stages.

Bruce Harshbarger, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students, is one of the faculty members on the project. If approved, the project will be conducted jointly by the city of Milledgeville and Baldwin County.

“The currently favored concept consists of two separate lanes, as an entrance and exit, and both sections of the gate will be supported by a trellis,” Harshbarger said, “but there are several other possible designs.”

In addition to the gates, there will be a number of aesthetic changes that will take place.

“We’ve planned for an attractive setting of flowers and other landscaping, as well as the university name and logo on a sign to the right of the entrance gate,” Harshbarger said. “For security and again aesthetic purposes, there will be lights centered in the support structure that holds the gates.”

However, there’s a chance the project may not be approved by the city, and a specific cost has yet to be determined.

GCSU Vice President for Business and Fi

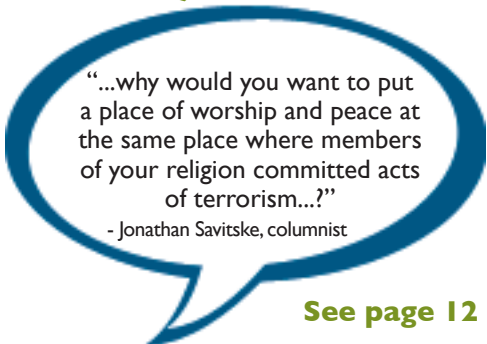
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### NEWS FLASH

**Early morning alarm**

Arts & Sciences 275 suffered an electrical short from an air handler unit Monday morning causing the room to fill with smoke setting off the fire alarm. The fire department dispatched units to the scene, and the building was evacuated. According to Assistant Vice President for Public Safety Dave Groseclose the evacuation went well. “I know it’s an inconvenience but when you have smoke coming from somewhere, you have to evacuate the building. The system worked the way it should,” said Groseclose.

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### NUMBER CRUNCH

**\$28 million**

The cost of the Wellness & Recreation Center at West Campus. The project is scheduled to be completed November 2011.

Source: info.gcsu.edu



# Flashback:



GCSU LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS  
The freshmen class at GCSU has changed significantly since this photograph was taken circa 1900 when the college was called Georgia Normal & Industrial College.

## GCSU Wellness Depot offers new services

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While the GCSU campus is abuzz with a new Wellness Center looming on the distant horizon, it’s still going to be several years before the doors open. But never fear fitness buffs, staff at the Wellness Depot have planned a busy season of activities and events for the fall semester.

Located on West Greene Street next to Parkhurst Hall, the Wellness Depot is open Monday through Sunday and offers students an easily accessible and free place to work out and get connected to health and wellness events on campus. If students would like to explore opportunities past the treadmills and weight room they need only to investigate more personalized options.

“Services that we offer are personal training, [free] fitness assessments and wellness coaching,” Assistant Director of Wellness Amy Whatley said. “Personal training is the most popular [currently]. The fees are \$30 for six weeks.”

The fee is in addition to the \$95 student fees, which cover using the facility and participating in wellness programs.

Programs offered by the Wellness Depot this fall are Freedom from Smoking, What’s Your Number, Fit Fridays and Fitness First: Avoiding the Freshmen 15.

“All of these programs that we’re offering this year are based on targets we established from the national health survey that was ad-

ministered two springs ago that we only just received now,” Assistant Director of Wellness Laura Childs said. “The areas we’re targeting are based on this survey, like the amount of exercise, fruit and vegetable intake, which was really low for our student population, and body mass index.”

Fit Fridays is a popular program where members of the Depot staff will be on campus every Friday at 11 a.m. to give demonstrations and answer questions concerning health and fitness.

“After the first seven weeks of the semester, we’ll transition to nutrition in a segment called ‘fuel for life’ in which we’ll talk about a variety of nutrition habits. We’ll tackle questions like, ‘are energy drinks OK?’ Things like that,” Childs said.

For sophomore Bennett Bruder, who enjoys using the Wellness Depot for its equipment,

programs like Freedom from Smoking provide a limited viewpoint on a complex issue.

“I don’t smoke and I don’t care if people smoke. I don’t think that an institution like GCSU

should,” Bruder said. “People should have the freedom to smoke or not. If students pay their

fees and part of that money goes to non-smoking programs then I think that the same amount of

money should go to smoking programs.”

For more information on what programs are being offered by the Wellness Depot go to [gcsu.edu/depot](http://gcsu.edu/depot).

# MyEdu coaches students to graduate in four years

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STAFF WRITER

Good professors. Check. Degree plan. Check. Planner. Check. Manage only a four-year college experience. Check. Check.

According to MyEdu.com, more than 93 percent of students think they will graduate in four years, but only 30 percent of students do. New this fall to GCSU, MyEdu.com, a Web site that develops “smart” college students by keeping track of professor ratings and grade histories, is the next free tool to graduating on time.

“I’ve never heard of (MyEdu), but I think that it is a great idea to take all the concepts of registration into one,” said sophomore pre-nursing major Bethany Abresch. “You wouldn’t have to shut down all these registration programs. It just makes a lot more sense, even when you are not registering and even during the school year.”

In 2000 at College Station, Texas, the original idea of MyEdu was born. Two of MyEdu’s founders, Chris Chilek and John Cunningham, were registering for classes via payphone, all the while trying to figure out which professors’ classes were best to take. Together, they shaped a Web site ac-

cessing professor grade histories at Texas A&M. Originally called Pick-a-Prof, it made class registration less agonizing.

“It was a really intriguing idea since we knew how much we wanted to see [the grades] and knew other students would want to see them too,” Cunningham said. “We decided, if we could hunt them down, we would build a Web site and post them, then see where it went.”

Already affecting two million students, MyEdu manages and informs students across the nation of their class schedules, professors’ ratings and compatible textbook prices. Like other popular student tools, such as RateMyProfessor.com, MyEdu enlightens students of their best professors by comparing the professors’ grade records.

In addition to comparing official grade records and professors, MyEdu offers services such as a GPA calculator, degree plan builder,

### MyEdu tools to success

1. View professor grade histories
2. Rate professors
3. View degree plans
4. GPA calculator
5. Calendar and class schedule templates
6. Textbook price comparisons



For more information visit [myedu.com](http://myedu.com)

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price comparisons of textbooks and virtual schedule planner.

“About two years ago, we found that there was a lot more we could do to help students than just find professors,” co-founder Chilek said. “We started collecting degree requirements, course catalogs, key semester dates, official course evaluations, AP & CLEP credit equivalencies and more.”

In addition, MyEdu is in search for campus representatives across the nation, particularly two for each campus, to help promote MyEdu services. Students can apply for the positions on MyEdu’s website.



CONNOR JOHNSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Let it begin

Construction began the beginning of Fall semester on the new Wellness and Recreation Center. The parking lot closest to The Village office is the site for the new center. The projected completion of the facility is November 2011. GCSU is having a ceremonial ground breaking September 14. According to a University Communications press release, the center will “offer students access to expanded wellness and recreational services.” These resources include a competitive-sized indoor pool which will open up opportunities for GCSU to compete in many aquatic sports. The center is planned to be the sight of Student Health Services as well as the Counseling Center.

# Another face lift in store for Sodexo this year

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GCSU’s Sodexo is currently planning renovations that they hope will draw a more overall positive student review. Kyle Cullars, executive director of Auxiliary Services has been overseeing these developments.

“Coming in May 2011, there will be major renovations,” Cullars said. “Everything from the kitchen forward, we are going to re-gut.”

Among other drastic changes, the floor plan of the cafeteria in its entirety will be completely redone. Instead of the current setup in which the various serving stations are placed around the border of the hall, they will be dispersed about the area with seating mingled throughout and around.

“The stations will also have a more themed vibe much like the dining hall at Kennesaw State University, but on a smaller scale,” Cullars said.

This platform dining style will make it easier for students to obtain the type of meal they desire and will potentially cut down on wait time. To ease crowding at rush times, 100 additional seats and extended seating space will be added as well.

Freshman biology major Brianna Mauro agrees that added seating and more space will make any trip to the dining hall a more enjoyable experience.



SARAH BETH ARIEMMA / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The newly renovated Sodexo dining hall allows for easier service for students as well as upgraded decor and dishes.

“It gets really overcrowded at lunch and dinner, and it’s hard to find a place to sit,” Mauro said.

Cullars agrees a change was necessary. “The changes, which will cost between

\$3 to \$4 million, are long overdue and much needed,” Cullars said.

Even the minor additions and tweaks made this year have made a world of difference. The front counters have been resurfaced,

the small-wares completely replaced and the walls repainted.

Sodexo has already spent \$75,000 to \$100,000 on much needed upgrades, Cullars said.

In addition, a new executive chef has been added to the kitchen staff bringing with him an upgraded menu and an increase in food quality.

“The outcome so far has been only positive,” Cullars said.

Overall meal plan participation is on the rise and thriving. Around 400 more meal plans were purchased this year than last year, and increased interest has been shown by commuter students as well.

Wesley Ransom, a commuter student and Public Safety officer, had nothing but praise to offer.

“It’s good food for a good price,” Ransom said.

It seems that on-campus students agree. “I think the dining hall will definitely benefit from the changes,” freshman undeclared major Joanna Hart said.

The major renovations are set to begin in May 2011 and will hopefully be finished by the time students return for fall semester the following August, Cullars said.

In the mean time, Sodexo hopes that the small changes already made will tide over and make the experience more desirable.



# Purple Glove video wins competition

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STAFF WRITER

Within the first three hours of the video being posted on YouTube.com, the Purple Glove dance video created by GCSU alum Jaquie Beute, received 300 views and continued on to 3,000 views in the first week.

More than 35,000 viewers watched the video in total, placing GCSU in first place and declaring them the champions of the Purple Glove Dance competition. The video was created to raise awareness for the Relay for Life Foundation.

The Purple Glove Dance, a contest sponsored by the Relay for Life Foundation, was brought to campus by Beute. After being inspired by the Pink Glove Dance video, made by employees at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland, Ore., to support breast cancer awareness, Beute believed that the same thing could be accomplished at GCSU.

Reaching out to the GCSU community

## By The Numbers

35,000

Approximate number of views the Purple Glove dance video received.

\$5,000

Amount of money raised for the American Cancer Society.

through Facebook groups, fliers and word of mouth, the video featured GCSU students, faculty and staff, all who donned purple gloves in order to promote cancer survival awareness and to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

“I reached out to everyone on campus in an attempt to get them involved. While we had a lot of people sign up, a lot of it was just going out with a boom box and a video camera and seeing who wanted to participate,” Beute said.

With all of her advertising on campus, students became aware of the Purple Glove project and wanted to join the student body and get involved with the cause including sophomore political science major Alecia Carlisle.

“I got involved because one, I thought it was a good cause and two it brought people in the school together because it brought awareness to those students who dealt with cancer on a daily basis,” Carlisle said. “There are a lot of people who don’t know about people who have cancer and by raising awareness, it uni-

fied the student body.”

After three months of production, the video was posted on YouTube.com for the second part of the contest which was to get more views on their video than the competing schools’ videos.

“I think the [Purple Glove Dance video] got GCSU some national attention. It also spotlighted The GIVE Center on campus to get the message out that we care and that Relay for Life is a good cause for students to support,” Kenneth Morris, graduate student said.

After beating out Michigan State University in the competition, Beute won the \$5,000 grand prize for the American Cancer Society in the name of GCSU, leaving her mark on the campus before she graduated.

“We as college students are blessed with many opportunities to get involved,” Beute said. “By taking advantage of these opportunities, we can make a difference in our community and put our name out in the world.”



SOURCE: SITE SOLUTIONS INC.  
The proposed design for the gates to West Campus. The project is in its beginning stages and a date of completion has not yet been set.

## Gate

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nance Peter Shields considers the bypass currently unsafe.

“We’re hoping that this project will remove the hazards,” Shields said. “Also, it will better establish the West Campus as part of the GCSU community.”

Many of the students that frequently use the bypass are thankful for the changes.

“Since security gates entail more precautions it’s an obvious win-win situation,” freshman Jesse Peña said. “Cars can go in and out more easily, and do so in a way that’s safer.”

The new bypass will represent the second phase of innovation on West Campus. Already in progress is the construction of the Wellness Center. Associate Director for Planning, Construction, & Business Services Rick Ruarke will be coordinating the project with city officials.

“It will be quite a modern, very comprehensive project,” Harshbarger said. “There’s going to be a deceleration lane, new entrance gates and license readers for security purposes.”

With the Wellness Center project past its groundbreaking phase, signs that the bypass will be next are encouraging.

“I think we’re on track,” Harshbarger said.

“The Wellness Center will attract a large number of students, and our planned traffic improvements are going to make it a safe place to navigate. Student wellness and safety are a priority, so the two projects go hand in hand.”

Besides improvements to traffic flow, the visual appeal of the hillside and bypass are also in for an upgrade. Removal of trees and underbrush currently blocking drivers’ views is going to come as a relief in this densely traveled area. People who frequent West Campus may appreciate these changes.

“It’s definitely an improvement,” freshman Alissa Marchat said. “Not only will the gates look nice, but the enhancement to the landscape was long

overdue!”

Although the project has been under consideration for quite some time, it’s too early to set a date for final completion. Besides the necessary approvals from local authorities, some of the funding aspects are as yet uncertain.

Given the price tag of about \$200,000 – a sum Harshbarger said is currently a ballpark estimate - money will probably be contributed by a variety of sources, such as projects with unspent dollars or cancelled budget items.

“We all look forward to seeing the bypass work proceed,” Harshbarger said. “Our students, as well as faculty and staff, will find it a great new asset at West Campus.”

# Higher learning opportunities expanding on Macon Campus

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With money allotted by the state budget, President Leland and an executive committee are planning further expansion for the GCSU campus in Macon, providing more graduate opportunities for Middle Georgia.

The programs being offered are designed for working individuals that are looking to further their education and make themselves more marketable in today’s competitive workforce. Public administration, education, health sciences and business administration are just a few of the variety of programs that are available. Additional certificate programs are also being considered at this time in order to further benefit individuals’ needs.

GCSU is also examining ways that these programs could potentially be offered online. Because the majority of classes are offered at night, students are able to arrange their schedules in a way that conveniently fits their lifestyles and careers.

“Although I am only a sophomore, I will definitely consider GCSU as a place to get my graduate degree,” pre-psychology major Jennifer Harper said. “I have had the opportunity to learn from outstanding professors already and I’ve heard great things about the graduate programs.”

A recent undergrad graduate, Belinda Dennis, is working on her Master of Arts in teaching here in Milledgeville.

“I honestly never considered going to graduate school anywhere else. I loved my undergraduate experience at GCSU so much that I couldn’t bear the thought of leaving a community which had become a home to me,” Dennis said.

The primary purpose of this expansion, beginning in 2007, was to meet the needs of hard-working professionals by providing an opportunity to work towards a higher degree and to learn from remarkable professors.

Leland also wants to ensure the preservation of the main un-

## At A Glance: GCSU’s Macon campus

- Located in the Thomas Jefferson Building at 433 Cherry St. in downtown Macon.
- Classes typically meet one evening or late afternoon per week and start at 4:30, 5, 5:30 or 6 p.m.
- Typically, Macon classes do not meet on Friday evenings or weekends.
- A computer lab and Resource Center is available for student use on the 3rd floor of the Center.

Source: Graduate.gcsu.edu

dergraduate campus in Milledgeville.

“We believe our undergrad is at its optimum size. It’s not too big that you feel lost, but it’s not too small that it’s boring,” Leland said.

The main goal is to provide a wide array of opportunities that are specifically designed for people with busy schedules and full-time careers.

“It is not so much about expansion as it is about helping with the role of putting highly educated individuals into the workplace... strengthening Georgia’s economy and thus, providing more opportunities for all Georgians,” said Dr. Doris Christopher, chief administrative officer for Graduate and Professional Learning.

As of June 2010, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the Georgia unemployment rate is up to 10.2 percent from 9.8 percent in May 2010. Because of this increase, it is important that professionals continue to expand their resumes and open their minds to the possibilities a higher degree can bring.

## Bookstore

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Staff members of the facilities department are trying to ensure that dance and music students have a space for rehearsal.

“I have a staff in the facilities department that is second to none,” Pratt said.

The new space promises to be a refuge for dance and music students, a place created ideally for them, where they can exert their best efforts and create exquisite work.



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The former Pawprints Bookstore is under renovation. The space will be divided equally between the music and theatre departments.



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# SGA to host Student Advisory Council

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For the first time in 10 years, GCSU will be hosting the Student Advisory Council’s fall conference on Nov. 5-6.

Student Government presidents from the 35 public colleges and universities will be having the gathering to advise the Board of Regents, through the Chancellor, on issues important to students. The Student Government and the Student Ambassador Team will be the main hosts for this event.

“We are excited to have the opportunity to host the conference at Georgia College,” SGA Vice President Evan Karanovich said. “We are trying to work more efficiently with colleges across the state and begin working toward the same goals.”

Recently, the SAC met at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga., where they developed primary objectives for the next year. These include: improving the SAC tradition conference, establish effective/improved communication flow throughout SAC, establish effective/improved communication flow throughout the Board of Regents with the intent of focusing on the issues of funding, HOPE scholarship and graduation rate.

During this three-day conference, the gathering voted on the locations for the next three

conferences. GCSU won the vote over Savannah State University to host the fall conference at a vote of 19-17.

“We pushed and put in a large bid for GCSU to host this fall’s conference,” said SGA President Zach Mullins. “Georgia College is ranked at having the third highest SAT scores of any

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Zach Mullins,  
SGA President

The Board of Regents felt that the format of the SAC would further enhance the student government organizations while creating responsible leadership in the University System and so authorized its establishment.

SGA and the Student Ambassador Team have already begun making arrangements for the conference this November.

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The SAC originated on March 13, 1968. Chancellor George L. Simpson, Jr. recommended that the Board of Regents establish a University System Student Advisory Council. This council was to be composed of all the student body presidents within the University System.

# Make a note of it

<b>Important Campus Safety Announcement:</b>	did not require hospitalization.	Campus Safety Tips:	o Report suspicious individuals and/or activity to GCSU Public Safety at 445-4400 or 445-4054.
Last Thursday evening at approximately 10:00 PM a lone female Georgia College student was physically assaulted off-campus while jogging near the intersection of South Liberty and West Green Streets. This is a highly traveled area a couple of blocks from our front campus lawn. The student received minor injuries, but thankfully	Georgia College Public Safety Detectives are investigating the attack.	o Stay alert; o Trust your instincts; o Walk and park in well-lighted, well-traveled areas; o Travel in pairs; o Know where to find emergency call boxes; o Plan your escape route; o Lock your car and store valuables out of sight; o Keep your car keys/residence keys in hand; o Use ATMs during daylight hours;	If you find yourself in a potentially unsafe situation, you may request an escort from GCSU Public Safety.
	The safety of the campus community, even off-campus, is a top priority for Georgia College. Whether you live on campus, in neighborhood housing, or are coming here to work and teach, please pay special attention to safety and security precautions.		Remember, campus safety begins with you.
			<i>Source: David Groseclose</i>

## Intersection

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tion major Bradley Smith agrees a new intersection design is necessary.

“I’m glad they’re making some changes. I think the [current] intersection works okay, except when the high school creates traffic in the afternoon,” Smith

said. “I’m okay with them doing work, as long as it doesn’t create more long-term traffic.”

A few landscaping features have also been added to the list, including turning the grassy hill out front that creates vision problems into more of a slope for easier sight of the road.

Although a date has yet to be confirmed, “it will have to be finished before

the creation of the new GCSU Wellness Center,” Harshbarger said.

The building’s construction will come to a close within the next year. If more changes are decidedly needed following the opening of the Wellness Center at West Campus, the GDOT will conduct a second traffic study and reevaluate the necessity of a red light.

# GCSU curriculum makes major and minor changes

KATE RAMSEY  
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Undergraduates who are currently listed as undeclared majors and sometimes those who are unsatisfied with their current major may find themselves wishing GCSU offered a different field of study that better suited their interests.

GCSU now offers physics, athletic training and kinesiology majors, along with the geography and creative arts therapies minors. Though not all of these have been added to the catalog this school year, all of the above fields of study are relatively new to the university.

The process of preparing for and proposing a new major or minor takes at least one year, and must pass through several obstacles in order to be successfully added to the school’s catalog.

Those who are able to push a desired major or minor through the system add both to the variety of courses and the appeal of applying to the institution in the eyes of prospective students.

The initial step in the process of establishing a major or minor at an institution is submitting a “letter of intent.” The proposal must then be approved by the discipline of the college, followed by the University Senate and then the provost. If it is able to make it this far, the president of the university will look it over and either approve or reject the proposal.

If the proposal was a minor, and was successfully approved by the president, it would stop at this point. However, majors must complete the final step of passing through the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. The primary purpose for amending the majors offered is to satisfy the demands and requirements caused by changes in the state curriculum. The Registrar of GCSU, Kay Anderson, thinks improving the curriculum is always the most important objective.

“[The University is] continuously striving for students’ needs to be fulfilled, while using our resources to the best of our abil-

ity - making sure the maximum benefits are provided for our students,” Anderson said.

Ken McGill, department chair of chemistry, physics and astronomy, recently added the physics major to the curriculum. There was a high demand for graduates with a mathematical or scientific background, which resulted in a stem proposal three years ago, he said.

“The numbers of physics majors in Georgia were sadly low—the state recognized the need for change, and we recognized the opportunity and decided to take advantage of it,” McGill said.

The physics department hopes to achieve the position of second place in the number of physics majors in Georgia in four years.

The history and geography department now offers a geography minor on the course catalog. By accruing sixteen more credit hours, a student may graduate with a minor in geography.

For more information, the Center for Student Success and various organizations are hosting a “Majors Fair” in Magnolia Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 13.

As a result of adding these majors and minors to the catalog, there is increased opportunity for prospective and current students. If you are able to provide a field of study or profession, and reasonable justification as to why it should be integrated into the curriculum, consider presenting this information to a GCSU department head or faculty member.

## Steps to add a major or minor

Submit “letter of intent”

Proposal gets approved by the discipline

Proposal gets approved by the University Senate

Proposal gets approved by the Provost

Proposal gets approved by the President

## Additional major steps:

Proposal gets approved by the University System of Georgia Board

For more information on the criteria for major approval visit [www.usg.edu](http://www.usg.edu)



COURTNEY COILE / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shuttle bus driver Jeff Adams poses by his newly renovated shuttle bus. The shuttles are in the process of upgrades including flat screen TV’s that will show Bobcat Vision.

# Students voice opinions on new shuttle upgrades

DANIELLE PALUGA  
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU shuttles are in the process of an update.

Widescreen televisions are being installed in the shuttles with the intention of showing Bobcat Vision for the approximate 7 minute ride to The Village.

Shuttle driver Kecia Copeland thinks the new televisions are going to be an asset to the busses.

“I think they will definitely

grab student’s attention,” Copeland said.

In the past, on her bus the announcements were posted on a sheet of paper. She hopes the new TV’s will be more effective in promoting on campus events.

Senior theater major Stacey Silverman, a frequent shuttle rider, was not aware the shuttles were getting an update.

“It’s kind of cool though,” Silverman said. “It might make the rides more excit-

ing.”

Early childhood education major and Village resident Michelle Kim is ambivalent to the new changes.

“I thought they already had TV’s on the shuttle so they probably should start using them,” Kim said.

Junior exercise science major Belinda Tobin was on a shuttle recently when she noticed the TV.

“I was amazed it was actually being used,” Tobin said. “It caught my attention.”

this previous endeavor. Magnolia Park did not want to pay for the whole traffic light, and the city also did not have the money for a light.

The intersection had not been addressed again until last semester.

## Baldwin County High School

Baldwin County High School, which has been around since before the days of segregation, has a parking lot that is connected to West Campus Drive, adding to traffic specifically during the mornings and afternoons when the high school adjourns.

Since February 2003, 14 traffic incidents have been reported to Milledgeville Police Department, only one of which happened while Baldwin County High School was in session.

## Stipulations for a traffic light

During their most recent evaluation of the light, the Department of Transportation began compiling traffic counts at the intersection of West Campus Road and the 441 bypass. Traffic counts look at the number of vehicles using an intersection during a variety of time spans. A traffic light may be warranted if a certain number of vehicles

pass through the intersection in an eight-hour period, a four-hour period and a “peak hour” of the day, according to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

District Engineers Tony Collins and Jimmy Smith have been two of the D.O.T. employees that had been working to decide what should be done with the intersection.

“We gathered the traffic counts from straight, north bound, south bound and all different approaches,” Collins said.

The intersection in front of West Campus falls into a category that requires the minimum number of vehicles per time span because its speed limit is over 40 mph. For example, one way a signal requirement could be met through the peak hour heading is if the bypass had 625 vehicles and West Campus Drive had 225 vehicles within a one-hour time span any time throughout the day.

But even if an intersection meets the number requirements, nothing is guaranteed.

“Every intersection is different,” Smith said, “and we have to take everything into account.”

*Editor’s note: Claire Dykes and Claire Kersey wrote this story and graduated Spring 2010.*

## Traffic

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city of Milledgeville.

“We’ve got the funds to do the whole thing because we’ve got stimulus dollars,” Harshbarger said. “We actually had more year-end money than we’re accustomed to having.”

Harshbarger feels optimistic about the benefits of improving the intersection, and hopes that it may be well-received.

## History of the intersection

In January 2003 The Village, then Bobcat Village, opened at the intersection of 441 bypass and West Campus Drive after a slew of students lived in the Ramada Inn. Three and a half years later, Magnolia Park Apartments started housing students across the bypass from The Village. At that time, traffic quickly became more challenging. According to a Colonnade article printed in October 2006, Magnolia Park paid for a traffic consultant to evaluate the situation. The city and the DOT also evaluated the intersection and felt that the intersection did not warrant a light.

Money was also an issue in

# Behind the Columns

AMANDA COLLINS  
PODCAST MANAGER

This week featuring:

Junior history major Adam Greene is profiled in this week’s podcast for his work at a children’s Christian camp. Tune in to hear about Adam’s story.

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# FALL 2010 SGA BALLOT

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September 8 & 9

**Instructions to students:** The following are candidates for this year’s SGA Senate. To vote login to your myCATS account under the Student tab.

### FRESHMEN SENATORS

☐

Carolina Classens

Member of Alpha Delta Pi | from Statesboro, Georgia | open and willing to change

☐

Samantha Kay Profit

No information submitted

☐

Cole Swecker

Marketing major with hopes of Law School | from Columbus, Georgia | membership in USA Gymnastics

☐

Sean “Espy” Espinosa

No information submitted

☐

Conner Johnson

Works for two retail stores | cannot function without iPhone| played soccer for 8 years | from Marietta, Ga.

☐

Billy Benzur

Political Science major | plans to attend Emory for a law degree | plays the banjo, ukulele, and the bagpipes

☐

Patrick Dowling

Eagle Scout | worked at children’s shelter helping abused and neglected children change their lives

☐

Caitlin Mullaney

Pre-Mass Communication and political science major | plans to have a career in career environmental law

☐

Nick Callas

High school member of Habitat for Humanity and SGA | played lacrosse | from Rosewell, Georgia

☐

Lindsey Shelton

Early Childhood Education Major | Alpha Delta Pi | danced since age four

☐

Caroline Clements

Involved in Student Government in high school | interned at Earthworks Pottery Studio

☐

Rick Grumman

No information submitted

### SOPHOMORE SENATORS

☐

Matthew Daneker

political science major | hopes to practice either constitutional law or criminal justice law

☐

Stephen Hundley

English major with a concentration in creative writing | Political Science minor

☐

Cody Allen

Political science major | awarded most ambitious freshman senator superlative | goal: increase sustainability

☐

Trey Smith

No information submitted

☐

Will Story

Vice President of Kappa Sigma

☐

Grant Wojdyla

Management major | Kappa Sigma member and the fraternity’s secretary

### JUNIOR SENATORS

☐

Josh Staff

Political science major | plays the guitar

☐

John Fajuke

Accounting major and music minor | raised in London, Nigeria, and Georgia | Pi Kappa Phi member

☐

Jay Parker

No information submitted

☐

Jacob Hawkins

No information submitted

☐

Jonathan Savitske

No information submitted

☐

Maria Acosta

No information submitted

☐

Brad Berg

Business management major | member and Junior Advisor of Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society

☐

Erin Gant

Involved with Model United Nations, Gamma Beta Phi, International ClubLeaders Association, and Phi Mu

☐

Jeff Rives

Political science major | Kappa Sigma President | played for GCSU Golf Team from 2007-2008

☐

Natalie Sorto

No information submitted

### SENIOR SENATORS

☐

Jamie Knox

Sociology major | RSA President 2008-2009 | coordinator for GCSU’s annual Battle of the Bands

☐

Katie Dunn

Psychology major | previous president of Resident Student Association | Omicron Delta Kappa member

☐

Robert Aycock

Political science major with a minor in rhetoric | chaired Recycling andLibrary Hours committees

☐

Chris Thibodeaux

No information submitted

☐

Andrew Painter

No information submitted

☐

Jared Kutil

Marketing major | Co-founder and former Vice President of Georgia College Fishing Team

### AT-LARGE SENATORS

☐

Joel Graham

No information submitted

☐

Patrick Gamble

Rhetoric major with marketing minor | Thunder Crew Student Section President

☐

Aubrey Ethridge

No information submitted

☐

Andrew Whittaker

Political science major with economics minor | Student Ambassador | Resident Assistant

☐

Mitch Voight

Economics major | member of Georgia College Republicans | Kappa Alpha Order provisional member

☐

Derek Jett

Goal: improve GCSU by focusing on the Campus/Student life and Athletics | from Newnan, Georgia

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Paul Danaj

Economics and Spanish major with a geography and international studies minor | CA in Bell Hall

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Left: Jon Peeler celebrates as he is announced the winner of the 2010 Milledgeville Idol competition. From left, Andrea Koontz, second runner-up Laurie Allen and Patrick Kelsey congratulate Peeler.

Top right: Haley Steele earns her spot as first runner-up.

Bottom right: All of the contestants of Milledgeville Idol perform together in Russell Auditorium.



## Milledgeville Idol show displays city's local talent

STEFFI BEIGH  
STAFF WRITER

Ten Contestants, three judges, one Milledgeville Idol.

On Aug. 27, Z97.7 and GCSU's Department of Continuing Education presented the third annual Milledgeville Idol contest with almost 1,000 spectators crowded into Russell Auditorium.

Hours before the doors opened, family members, students and supporters gathered waiting eagerly to watch their Milledgeville residents.

Each contestant, regardless of age, brought their own unique talent.

Co-producers of Milledgeville

Idol Phillip Joiner and Stephanie Westmoreland held auditions in May and finalized the top 10 by the end of June. The finalists have been practicing since.

Contestants Chay Aycock, Amy Prestwood, Deyontray Clark, Debra Johnson, Patrick Bohannon, Andrea Koontz, Patrick Kelsey, Laurie Allen, Jon Peeler, and Haley Steele performed solos and duets reviewed by Milledgeville Idol judges Cordell Walker, Iona Pendergast, and Yonrico Scott.

Scott, a recent Grammy Award winner for Best Contemporary Blues Album with the Derek Trucks Band, says he looked more for the performance and delivery of the contestants.

"It's all about the vibe; how you serve it, the look," Scott says.

Peeler, performing a soulful and entertaining rendition of Ann Peebles' 'I Can't Stand The Rain' and with his Michael Jacksonesque dance move, earned the audience vote as well as a win from the judges.

Walker was more than impressed with winner Peeler telling him, "it was the best performance (of the) night."

Second runner up Allen and first runner up Steele performed "incredibly contained pitched songs," said sophomore outdoor education major Keaton Anderson. "Both singers were so comfortable on stage; I'm surprised none of the contestants

haven't already made it big."

Madison Gaubert went to support Steele.

"I thought the contestants were super talented," Gaubert said, "I was blown away that this small town had such talent. I wish I could sing well!"

Some contestants sang on stage for the second time for Milledgeville Idol, including Peeler, Johnson, Bohannon and Kelsey.

Other contestants, like Steele, learned about auditions for Milledgeville Idol the day before.

"I would really, really love to be [a singer], it's my dream," Steele says, "I've been singing for a long time, since I was a toddler."

Having already participated in

a singing contest in Warner Robins, she felt comfortable singing on stage to such a large crowd.

"I've never been surprised with what you might see, there's a lot out there," Scott said.

After 10 enthralling performances, Milledgeville proves to have a lot of talent.

Check out more pictures from Milledgeville Idol on [GCSUnade.com!](http://GCSUnade.com!)

## Crafting for a cause

*TOMS Campus Club event proves that the shoe is more than just a trend*

CONNIE KOKENES  
STAFF WRITER

If you look at the feet of the bustling students passing you by through the halls, you'll see a common thing: TOMS. Almost every student owns a pair of these shoes and for two very good reasons; they're stylish and for every pair sold, a new pair goes to a child in need.

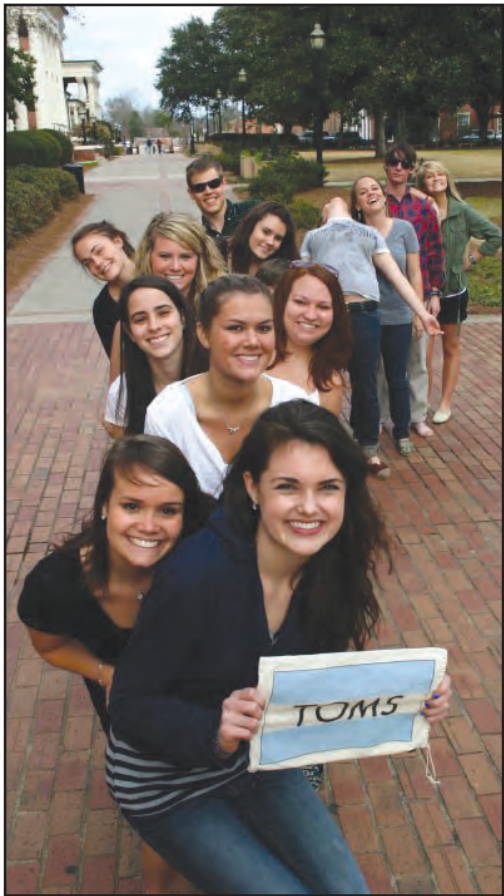
This charitable company was founded by Blake Mycoskie after he visited Argentina and saw many children without shoes. After noticing that several of the children had developed diseases from soil penetrating the skin through their feet, infected cuts and sores on their feet, and were not able to attend school due to school codes requiring shoes as part of the uniform, Mycoskie decided to help these poor kids by creating a company where for every pair of shoes sold, a new pair would go to a child in need of shoes.

"TOMS is on track to give the one millionth pair of new shoes to a child in need this September," says TOMS Campus Club at GCSU's vice president, Ansley Tiller. "And what better way than donating more shoes at a Style Your Sole Party!" The party will take place on Thursday, September 9 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in between Parkhurst and Foundation. The goal of this event is "for everyone at GCSU to be away of the One for One movement and be able to get involved in their own unique way," says Tiller.

So what will exactly be happening at this event? For starters, there will be plenty of art supplies (sharpies, paint, stencils, etc.) provided for students to decorate and design a pair of TOMS. Several art majors will be available to help students who have a basic, but unclear idea of what they want to put on the shoes. There will also be a raffle with many prizes (including a teeth whitening kit valued at \$300), and a TOMS Story film screening. The film covers Mycoskie's visit to Argentina, his reaction and response to what he found, and how he made TOMS Shoes work. And if none of those activities sound fun to you, you can always just relax and hang out with everyone and meet new people!

After the event, a concert (TOMS Campus Club presents live in concert ELEVATION with special guests The Less and Jessica Long) will be held at Buffington's from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. When asked the reason for the concert, Tiller explained, "They are going to be there in support of TOMS. There will be a donation/information table at the concert as well." All are invited and encouraged to go after the Style Your Soles event.

There are always many ways to help, but TOMS Style Your Soles is an excellent way to help and have plenty of fun doing so. Thanks to students, more than forty children in need will get getting shoes. So come enjoy yourself and help those in need at TOMS Style Your Soles!



SOURCE: TOMS CAMPUS CLUB  
Members of the TOMS Campus Club advertise their group and also their cause. The RSO has been on campus since March 2010.



SOURCE: THE LESS  
The Less is a Pop/Rock band from Atlanta that has been playing together since the members were in high school.



SOURCE: ELEVATION  
Elevation has released their album "Strangelove" with its single "Razoreyes."



# GCSU staff at the market

How GCSU staff and students are involved with the Milledgeville Farmers Market

DANIELLE PALUGA  
STAFF WRITER

A usually vacant downtown parking lot transforms into the Milledgeville Farmers Market every Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. from May to November.

GCSU students and staff not only frequent the market, but some also sell a variety of produce and other goods.

Tom and Jenny Hansel, Central Receiving Manager and University Housing Senior Secretary respectively, run a booth filled with homemade soaps, lotions, candles and other crafts.

“It all started eighteen years ago when I discovered that I couldn’t use the kind of soaps that you buy at the store - I have really sensitive skin,” Mrs. Hansel said.

At first, Mrs. Hansel just made soaps for herself, friends and family, but when the demand grew she decided to expand. They are currently in their second year selling at the downtown Farmers Market which is located on Hancock street beside the Golden Pantry.

There are eight different types of soap bases including natural oatmeal, honey, natural goat milk, natural shea butter, silk and shea butter, olive oil, aloe and olive oil and clear glycerin. After the base is made, the Hansels can choose to add one of over 100 fragrances to the soap. They also make specialty soaps that do anything from clearing complexions to keeping away mosquitoes.

“You have to know what you’re doing. There’s a science to it,” Mrs. Hansel said.



COLIN MURPHY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Tom Hansel, Central Receiving Manager at GCSU stands proudly over his selection of soaps at his table at the Farmer’s Market.

Although they specialize in soaps, they also handcraft lotions, wax potpourri, candles and other related products.

They use fragrance oil instead of perfumes, which, according to Mrs. Hansel, is more skin safe. They sell soaps and candles for males and females, and children.

“We make soaps with men’s fragrances and the gals always buy those out, but our best sellers are our complexion bars,” Mr. Hansel said.

Mr. Hansel takes great pride in he and his wife’s soaps. He insists on wrapping each customer’s purchases so he knows it is leav-

ing with a homemade touch.

Other GCSU staff also help with the market by serving on the board. This includes professors such as Dr. Mary Magoulick, associate professor of English and rhetoric and chemistry professor Dr. Julia Metzker.

Dr. Rene Fontenot, professor of Business Communication, is the chair of marketing and promotion for the Market and sends out helpful tips to the vendors. She also gets her students in the Entrepreneurial RLC involved. The students grow herbs and will soon be selling them at the market.

“We found out that [the herbs] were the



COLIN MURPHY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The Hansels provide many varieties of homemade soaps at the Farmer’s Market. Their soaps are called “Ultrapampering Soaps.” The soaps come in eight different types with over 100 different fragrances.

best sell and I’ve let the student grow the herbs in my yard,” Fontenot said.

She also plans to give a demonstration at the market soon on how to dry and use herbs in everyday cooking.

Kimmie Wingo, a junior marketing major and president of the ERLC, hopes that their selling at the farmer’s market will promote people looking into owning their own businesses.

“Growing all of our produce and herbs here in Baldwin county has given our group a lot of bonding time and has brought our organization closer as a group,” Wingo said.

# Movie Review: Machete

CHRIS MOSKALY  
REVIEWER

A ruthless, blade-slinging Mexican named ‘Machete’ is to Robert Rodriguez what a group of Nazi-slaying ‘Inglourious Basterds’ were to Quentin Tarantino. It’s the movie he always dreamed of making before he even arrived on the lot. The one that you know, just by watching it, truly comes from his heart. The one that stands as a culmination of everything that defines the “Rodriguez style.” Simply put... ‘Machete’ is his masterpiece, and with Danny Trejo leading an ensemble cast of action veterans, words cannot describe the visceral impact of a film that roars and thunders from one act to the next, leaving a bloody stamp of carnage on every last shot.

The outline of the plot is limited to the bare essentials of an action movie setup, but anyone who knows Rodriguez should’ve already expected this. You’ve got a bad-ass protagonist (Trejo) trying to move past his violent ways, only to be sucked right back into them by a local spin doctor (Jeff Fahey) who brings with him an offer even Machete can’t refuse. The offer is to kill a corrupt senator (Robert De Niro) for \$150,000, but it’s during this altercation that the film slips in a little double-crossing on the side. Next thing we know, all the wrong people appear to be innocent, while the one good guy who really is innocent is being hunted by an army of ruthless killers.

Following a brutal hospital escape, Machete is soon recruited by a beautiful Immigrations agent named Sartana (Jessica Alba) who struggles with justice and righteousness in her line of duty. She already knows the dark secret that haunts this violent maniac, and I guess it goes without saying that the two of them will eventually become attracted to each other.

Using tough women to play the sharper female characters has always been one of Rodriguez’s best trademarks, and instead of posing them as sex trophies for the male characters, ‘Machete’ gives each of its ladies time to shine in places other than the bedroom; although it does manage to squeeze that part in as well. Casting Michelle Rodriguez as a taco-slinging rebel certainly adds more sauciness to the equation here, and while some of you may cringe at the very mentioning of her name, don’t be



SOURCE: TROUBLEMAKER STUDIOS

# Grade: A

alarmed when I tell you that Lindsay Lohan is also in this movie. Just trust me when I tell you that her 10 minutes on screen are anything but wasteful, because believe it or not, this actress/pop singer/whatever comes through in a big, big way.

Also using a lot of big faces in the way he’s done before, Rodriguez delivers plenty of nods to his own form in ‘Once Upon A Time in Mexico,’ but the interesting thing about the actors in ‘Machete’ is the way he maneuvers them to play their roles as simply, and yet as realistically as they can be. Trejo’s leading performance feels like an imploded homage of Jean-Claude Van Damme’s earlier days, and with a slight touch of Dirty Harry arrogance thrown in, there’s good potential here for a possible franchise. I just hope this isn’t a one-time ordeal for Steven Seagal as he makes a triumphant return to the big screen.

But more than the assortment of stars is the ever-so-unique craft that comes with every Rodriguez film, and ‘Machete’ is by in large a visual testament to films that live in the moment. Known for his exquisite editing skills and “one-man band” reputation on the set, Rodriguez brings all the great

techniques into play here with multiple close-up shots of sweaty faces, lightning fast weapon effects, and of course his signature innovation of everyday objects mixed with top-notch killing devices. In ‘Desperado’ it was a guitar case/rocket launcher, then it was a peg leg/M4 Carbine in ‘Planet Terror.’ Now it’s a motor cycle/Gatling gun. And to include a scene in which human intestines are used as a swing rope? Well... I’ll let you be the judge of that one. With CGI thrown completely out of the picture, it’s all one can do not to stand up and applaud Rodriguez for his genius attention to detail.

After completing the ‘Pulp Western trilogy’ of his ‘El Mariachi’ character, Rodriguez took a step back from his roots to address other outside ventures like ‘Spy Kids,’ but then during the production of ‘Grindhouse,’ his close friend Quentin Tarantino advised him to revisit an old idea involving a Mexican Fedale turned renegade. The concept was then shrunk down to a fake trailer prologue, but I can still remember walking out of the double-feature and thinking, “there’s something special behind that whole ‘Machete’ story, and I want to know what it is.” Now I get it, and boy what a helluva ride it turned out to be.



AMANDA BODDY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## An on-campus birthday celebration

On Mon. Aug. 30, senior rhetoric major Benton Cranford had a grand entrance into his classes. In a surprise celebration for his twenty-second birthday, Cranford was carried to class on a home made “throne.” Cranford was surprised when his friends showed up at Sodexo as he was leaving lunch. Cranford climbed onto the “throne,” a contraption made of wood, a mattress and sheets to form a tent, and carried to the library. As the procession was making its way around campus, Cranford’s crew was handing out pictures of the birthday boy to people around campus. “I just had the best and craziest birthday ever. Thank you everyone that was involved. Thank you for the birthday wishes. I am truly loved beyond belief.” Cranford said.



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# Spotlight:

## Keeping cool in the hottest months

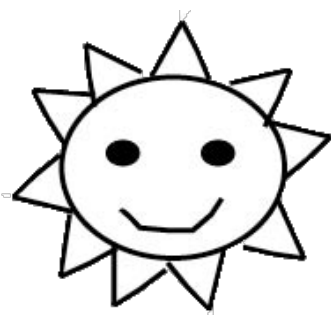
"It's hotter than Milledgeville in here!" That is a phrase you could easily use to describe any warmer than is comfortable room given the temperatures this summer. This brings to question how do we all stay alive? Here are a few special tips to help you make it to fall without falling over from heat exhaustion.

### The Basics:

- Drink water and other cold drinks
- Don't wear long sleeve shirts. Try dresses, shorts and tank tops instead
- Avoid standing out in the sun
- Go to the pool or the lake and have a party
- Do your exercising at night or in the early morning

### Unique things to try:

- Use your imagination:
  - This tip hearkens back to the days of watching Barney, but it works. Stop complaining about the unbearable weather and keep your mind off of it! How can you do this? Well pretend you're in the arctic and you'll be laughing so hard at the idea of a polar bear on Front Campus you'll forget all about the heat.
- Stay inside air conditioned buildings as much as you can:
  - Aren't some of the classrooms at GCSU really cold? Well consider it your motivation for going to class especially if the air conditioning in your dorm or house is broken. Other overly air conditioned buildings include the library and MSU, great places to study and visit the Colonnade office.
- Have an ice fight:
  - Invite your friends over or even just throw ice at your roommate (this might be a bad idea if yours doesn't like you though so beware). There's nothing colder than ice so having it dumped on you during the hottest days of summer is a refreshing way to take a break.
- Carry a personal fan or a spray bottle:
  - Start a new trend by carrying these rather dorky things around with you. If people make fun of you it is only because they wish they had thought of it themselves.



By Danielle Paluga

# Around the world in photographs

Students invited to enter photography contest

CAITLIN RENN  
STAFF WRITER

The International Education Center will host a photo exhibition contest for all GCSU students, faculty and staff, aiming to showcase both international adventures and photographic talent on campus.

In previous years, the International Education Center selected the theme, but this year photography students had the opportunity to choose the theme of the contest, deciding on "Uncommon Perspectives."

"This year's theme leaves it up to those to enter the contest to decide what it means," said Assistant Professor of Photography Emily Gomez.

Open to interpretation, the theme encourages photographers to think differently about their photos, applying uncommon perspectives both literally and figuratively.

In addition to choosing the theme of the contest, photography students also will review the photos and determine the winners. Students who have completed at least one photography class will judge the contest and choose three winners and three runners-up to be showcased in a special exhibition.

"I'm excited about judging the contest and seeing many different artists' work and how they interpret the theme of Uncommon Perspectives. It's sort of a broad idea, so it lends itself to many different outcomes and types of imagery," said senior pho-



### International Photography Contest

- Photos due Sept. 30
- Can submit up to two photos
- E-mail photos to [iecpphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:iecpphotocontest@gmail.com)
- Bring printed copy to Lanier 223
- Format: 300 dpi at 5 in. x 7 in.

tography major Jess Perkins.

"I very much enjoyed judging last year's submissions, and I feel like I'll enjoy this year's even more be-

**"...we are looking for photos beyond the typical travel snapshot, like some sort of revelation or uniquely personal photograph, something dynamic"**

Emily Gomez,  
Assistant Professor of  
Photography

cause I had a part in choosing the theme."

The prize is an exhibition in Sanford Hall, the home of the residential learning community Casa Mundo.

"There will be a reception and awards ceremony, and local businesses and restaurants donate gifts and other prizes," said study abroad adviser at the International

Education Center Liz Havey.

The guidelines for the contest require that the photographer be a student, faculty or staff member at GCSU. Submissions may be from study abroad trips, vacations or anything international.

"I think we are looking for photos beyond the typical travel snapshot, like some sort of revelation or uniquely personal photograph, something dynamic," Gomez said.

Each photographer may submit a maximum of two photos relating to the Uncommon Perspectives theme. Photos should be submitted with a title and a short description, including where and when the picture was taken and what it means to the photographer. The preferred format for submissions is 300 dpi at 5 x 7 inches. If digital, the original digital file should also be submitted. The deadline for the contest is Sept. 30.

For entry forms and more information, visit the International Education Center at 223 Lanier Hall.

# Department of Music welcomes new chair



NISHA DIXON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Victor Vallo represents the Department of Music as the new chair. Vallo is serving as the conductor of the GCSU Concert Band as well as a teaching professor. Vallo replaced Todd Shiver as the conductor of the Concert Band.

LAUREN DAVIDSON  
STAFF REPORTER

The Department of Music has welcomed a new chair. Dr. Victor Vallo has joined the GCSU community all the way from Pennsylvania, where he served as the chair of the Department of Music at Immaculata University.

Vallo said he was eager to get back to Georgia, having lived in Atlanta years ago as well as having family and friends in Georgia.

"I'd been looking in Georgia, all the Georgia colleges and universities. I wanted to get in this area because I used to live in Atlanta," Vallo said. "I wanted to be at a larger public liberal arts institution that had a [National Association of School and Music] accredited music program. I enjoyed being the chair so I was looking specifically for a chair position in a Georgia college or university and the position was open."

Vallo has taught at Southern Arkansas University as the assistant professor of music, Jacksonville State University as the supervisor of music education and conductor of the orchestra, Anderson University as the coordinator of music education and the music director of the Anderson symphony orchestra, and lastly Immaculata University where he served as the chair of the Department of Music and the conductor of the Immaculata Wind Symphony.

This year at GCSU he will serve as not only the chair of the Department of Music but will also be the music director and conductor of the GCSU Concert Band. He is the teaching professor for advanced conducting and first year academic seminar.

Carlos Rodriguez, a senior music edu-

cation and music performance major, is not only enrolled in Vallo's Concert Band but also serves as his student assistant. He believes that Vallo is an excellent addition to the GCSU faculty.

"I think Dr. Vallo is a great professor. He strives to challenge each student by providing a musically demanding concert band program," Rodriguez said. "Dr. Vallo also makes it his duty to supply aspiring band directors with the knowledge and tools to have a well-rounded band program."

Jeremy Dudley, a senior music education major, is enrolled in Vallo's Concert Band, advanced conducting class and is an assistant to the music department. He expressed is appreciation of Vallo as a new professor.

"He knows how to explain things in a way that the student will easily understand. He is very knowledgeable about his craft and he is passionate about what he does," Dudley said. "One of the main things that makes Dr. Vallo so good is that he has told me many times that he is still learning. Learning is an ongoing process that happens day by day and year by year."

Already two months into the school year, Vallo is thoroughly enjoying his new position as the chair for the Department of Music and is very optimistic that he will continue to enjoy working with all the talented music students.

"The music students have been a joy to work with, a very high level of musicianship, so to make music with them is very enjoyable. I enjoy being a chair. I like being able to help students," Vallo said. "I think that's an important part of what a chair does. You're an advocate for the students. You support them. One of my mottos is students first, faculty and staff always. You're supporting everybody."

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## Students spanning generations

*An ageless learner, a prolific entrepreneur*

JOANNA SULLIVAN  
STAFF REPORTER

Although GCSU prides itself on diversity and catering to a wide range of people, there are still those individuals that manage to stand out among the rest. Bill Brinegar, a computer science major, offers GCSU the perspective of an age past.

Brinegar has been attending GCSU for four years, but the interest seems to rely not on what he is doing but rather on what he has done. Unlike other students he has already served in the Navy, has been CEO or president of four companies and has patented three products for the telecommunications industry in satellite and circuitry.

At 69 years old, Brinegar has undoubtedly had more life experiences than the average GCSU student. Because he has experienced so much and learned so much, he says that he is unlikely to quit any time soon.

“Actually, I am kind of semi-retired,” Brinegar said. “I was teaching over at Athens Technical College in Greensborough. [Now] the only time I teach is when companies bring employees in that want to be educated in computer applications.”

Because of the stooping economy, fewer companies were able to give their employees the benefits of a non-credit computer application course. So, Brinegar decided to find other ways to utilize his time.

“I wanted to keep my mind active so I started researching what was the closest school in the area and that is how I came across GCSU,” Brinegar said.

Although he has been working towards a computer science degree, Brinegar has taken other classes that cater to his interests.

“I have taken subjects that I actually [like] even though I probably do not need it for a job. I have about six hours of math courses that I have taken which is enough for a minor in math,” Brinegar said.

He is completing his degree now because he was serving in the Navy around the time one would conventionally go to college. Nonetheless, he learned a great deal about electronics while he served in the early 1960’s, which has whetted his interest for technology ever since.

“I was an electronic technician in the Navy,” Brinegar said. “I was in charge of all of the electronics on the ship so I had to keep it prepared and updated.”

With his duties in the Navy and beyond, Brinegar has had the opportunity to witness and be a part of a lot of historical events.

“I was on the ship that was in the Winward Passage when they had the blockade when Kennedy was the president. I was also on the first recovery ship off of

Florida when John Glen did his trip around the world. We were a pick up ship,” Brinegar said.

Towards the end of his term in 1964, Brinegar was able to participate in creating the technology for other space expeditions.

“I worked on a sensing element that went on Mariner Four that measured the magnetic field of Mars which found out there was no magnetic field on Mars. Mariner Four was a rocket sent to take information about Mars, a vector helium magnetometer to measure the magnetic field,” Brinegar said.

Since his time in the Navy, Brinegar went on to work for Texas Instruments in Richardson, Texas, and eventually became the director of engineering for a company



JOANNA SULLIVAN /STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Bill Brinegar, a GCSU computer science major, is dedicated to expanding his education although he has already been the CEO or president of four companies.

called Scientific Atlanta. He led the development of the first digital audio distribution system used for networks like NBC, ABC, PBS and RKO. He has also been the president of Digital Transmission Systems, ANBC, INC., International Virtual Partners, and Tech Electronics. Despite his many credentials and life experiences, Brinegar values more what he personally has accomplished.

“What I really like to do is help people advance in their career and life. A lot of the people that have worked for me have gone on and founded companies. Probably five or six of them have gone on to be multimillionaires,” Brinegar said.

Brinegar has found that his life’s education that he has received and that he is going to receive at GCSU can be put to a greater use beyond himself.

“It’s good to always help one another and that is really what it is all about,” Brinegar said.

*A fresh mind, a youthful trailblazer*

ANNA MORRIS  
STAFF WRITER

Caylee Pritchard stepped into English 1101 appearing like the typical student on their first day of freshman year, but unlike her classmates she is a 15-year-old high school junior and the youngest student at GCSU.

Pritchard, who has yet to obtain her driver’s license, is part of the Early College Program which allows high school students from Putnam and Baldwin Counties, and the Oconee region to begin college classes early at GCSU. They were accepted to the program in middle school and prepared to begin college classes early for five years through specialized and accelerated classes.



ANNA MORRIS /PHOTOGRAPHER  
Caylee Pritchard, 15-year-old high school student, has begun her college career this semester through the Early College Program. One of her favorite advantages of college is more freedom from classes to enjoy front campus.

### Just Like Everyone Else

Two other Early College students Joshua Ferguson and Marisa Horne have started taking college classes as well. Horne, a 16-year-old junior and cheerleader at Baldwin High School, is honored to have this opportunity and feels prepared for college.

“I don’t want special treatment,” Horne said. “I want to be treated like everyone else.”

Recognized as another college student all three students enjoy the new freedom that comes with less time spent in the classroom. Pritchard’s favorite thing about college is that she doesn’t have to be in class all day long.

### High School Vs. College

Split between two worlds, Pritchard, as well as Ferguson and Horne, is taking English 1101, Environmental Science and two

high school classes. Their time is split between college assignments and high school requirements. Pritchard discussed how she already feels slightly overwhelmed by the outside workload that comes with college classes.

“I have always been organized, but things just start adding up,” Pritchard said.

Pritchard believes that the biggest difference between college and high school are the teachers themselves. She has already begun to notice that when a college professor gives the students a due date for an assignment they expect it on that day, and have no exceptions. In high school teachers give a little more leeway with due dates.

### My 15-Year-Old Is In College!

A lot of the students in the Early College Program are first generation college students which means they are the first in their family to attend a higher level of education past high school. Ferguson, another 16-year-old junior, is the first in his family to go to college, so it comes as no surprise that his family is extremely proud of his accomplishments.

Pritchard relays that her parents are incredibly excited about the idea of their 15-year-old daughter being in college and seek out any opportunity they can to share how proud they are of her.

### You Dare To Believe

Early College Principal Camille Murner is a huge asset to the program because she is recognized for caring deeply for her students and wanting the absolute best for them.

“We can’t be afraid to push our kids harder than what they want to do,” Murner said. “We’ve got to dream bigger than they dream until they are ready to own those dreams.”

Murner seems very optimistic about the future of the program. She believes that the program will give education a whole new way of thinking and is very excited about what the future has to hold for Pritchard, Ferguson, and Horne.

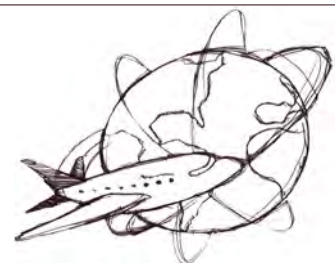
“You dare to believe. Everybody can go to college, everyone can be successful,” Murner remarked.

### The Best Piece of Advice

Although Pritchard is learning several important things about college, she knows efficiency is of utter importance.

“Start out doing what you’re supposed to do,” Pritchard said. “Don’t wait until the last minute to start wanting to do everything.”

Although she is the youngest student, Pritchard has a firm focus on her ambition to excel.



MARK WATKINS  
STAFF WRITER

He was caught in the Velvet Revolution of Czechoslovakia. He was a part of the first equal election in South Africa. He has witnessed the formation of a demonstration group and their dispersal by military tear gas in Madagascar. He has been detained by the Russian police and forced to smuggle his money out in shoes. He is an associate professor of anthropology at GCSU. He is Professor Dwight Call, assistant vice president for International Education. Now his walls are adorned with artifacts from countries all across the world, papers concerning his work are scattered across his desk and he sits amongst it all complacently.

Professor Call is a skilled traveler. Not only has he worked in Switzerland, Cameroon, Japan and Australia as the director for semester-long study abroad programs, but he has also visited over 75 countries. He says it could be 80 countries if you count East Germany and West Germany before they were united, Tibet if it counts as a country (which many Tibetans believe it does) and Hong Kong when it was a separate British Crown Colony. In these settings he directed study abroad students from around the world.

Call spends his time off during the year traveling to various destinations. Often people envy his ability to venture out to exotic and diverse cultures around the world, but Call believes traveling is easier

than most people think.

“People think that traveling is expensive,” Call said. “Airfare is getting more expensive, and I think a lot of people think of traveling as staying in five-star hotels. I don’t do that. I visit people I know, people that I’ve met in other places. I stay in hostels, I use public transportation; because that’s the way you truly get to experience the place.”

As Call relates, he doesn’t just travel to a country, he experiences it. One particular memory that resides with him is April 27, 1994, in Durban, South Africa.

“I happened to arrive in Durban, South Africa the same day that a peaceful march of 100,000 people crossed the city. It was two weeks before the first election of that year in which blacks and coloreds were able to vote for the first time alongside whites. I joined... and heard testimonials from people who said, ‘Our parents and grandparents died without seeing this equality in our country.’”

That day Call and his study abroad students walked behind Zulu warriors with their spears as they sang and danced in rhythm.

“We were told that Nelson Mandela was leading the peaceful march,” Call said. “The husband of the woman who directed the study abroad program was a

friend of Nelson and campaigned around the country with him.”

However, Call is more than a veteran traveler; he is also a skilled instructor. He has a Bachelor of Arts in religion,

Master of Education in community development and a doctorate in anthropology. He has applied these degrees to his jobs overseas and close to home as well.

He worked and lived on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in South Dakota practicing community development, spent a summer in rural Vermont and another one in inner city Cleveland during the riots. All of his previous experience is now being applied as the advisor to the international students and students who are interested in summer abroad.

“If you just sit in class and take notes and regurgitate, you’re probably not learning the maximum that you can learn,” Call said. “I think you need to experience things outside of the classroom itself.”

Call took his own advice when he was in college and vowed that he would travel the world when he graduated. Many people believe he did this successfully.

“Do the things you think about doing, don’t just think about them,” said Call. He didn’t just take this advice, he lived by it.



MARK WATKINS /PHOTOGRAPHER  
Dr. Dwight Call has traveled to over 75 countries and has witnessed numerous historical events as well as cultural traditions. He believes experience can be the best teacher.

## Featured professor: Dr. Dwight Call



# Crossing borders, bridging cultures: GCSU students who ventured the farthest

MOLLY HOLMES  
STAFF WRITER

Everyday, usually two or three times a day, freshman Ansika Rimal is asked, “How in the world did you end up in Milledgeville?” An unusual question for someone from Georgia, but not unusual for someone who traveled more than 8,000 miles in about 18 hours to study at Georgia’s liberal arts college.

Rimal is from Kathmandu, Nepal, which has a population size nearly double that of Atlanta, and is less than 100 miles from Mt. Everest. She says her final selection of GCSU started with the realization that the universities in Nepal were not going to provide the opportunities that American universities could.

“In Nepal you are either a doctor, an engineer or a businessman,” Rimal said.

She took pre-med classes for two months before deciding that taking such difficult classes and being one of thousands of potential doctors was not what she wanted. She told her father she did not want to be a doctor and he respected that decision, but told her she must study in a place with many options. Rimal realized she needed

to come to the US.

Rimal says she is lucky in that her family is very open and supportive of her efforts, especially her older brother, Salil, but her family’s support is limited in some ways. When she decided to study outside of Nepal, Rimal had to prepare on her own without the help of her family.

“I had to do everything – [choose] the college, find the funds, [take the] SAT and TOEFL – everything,” Rimal said.

Finding the funds to stay at GCSU is a particular hurdle Rimal is still dealing with. Although her dad promised to fund one year of her education, she has to provide the rest. Therefore, funding was a particular deciding factor in choosing a university.

“I applied to five schools,” Rimal said. “Two or three gave me partial scholarships and GCSU gave me an international scholarship.”

The scholarship pays for not quite half of Rimal’s tuition, so she plans on working full time in the summer to make up the remaining costs.

Yet, adjusting to life 8,000 miles and a nearly 10 hour time difference away from her family, country and culture is more work than just providing financial means. Since Rimal went to boarding school for seven years in Nepal, she thinks she is more acclimated than many others might be.

Rimal’s friend, freshman math major Rujeko Chinomona of Mutoko, Zimbabwe, who traveled nearly 8,500 miles in over 20 hours to reach GCSU, feels the same after attending

boarding school for nine years in Zimbabwe. Both girls insist that they feel at home here because of how friendly everyone is. However, they are amazed at how informal classes are.


Chinomona is surprised by some of the things she sees American students do in class including eating, propping their legs up in chairs and bringing up movies as part of class discussion.

As for everyday American life, Chinomona says even though Zimbabwe is considered a third-world country, she did not experience a lot of culture shock because she did a lot of research on America before leaving Zimbabwe. The biggest changes for her were not things like currency (Zimbabwe uses US dollars) or clothes, but the food. Rimal agrees.


“I miss food...I miss spice,” Rimal said.

Neither Rimal nor Chinomona intend to go back home until they graduate, which means sacrificing, for the sake of their education, four or five years away from their family. Rimal sees her time at GCSU as a way of exploring all the possibilities open to her.

“For an undecided major, what’s better than America,” Rimal said.

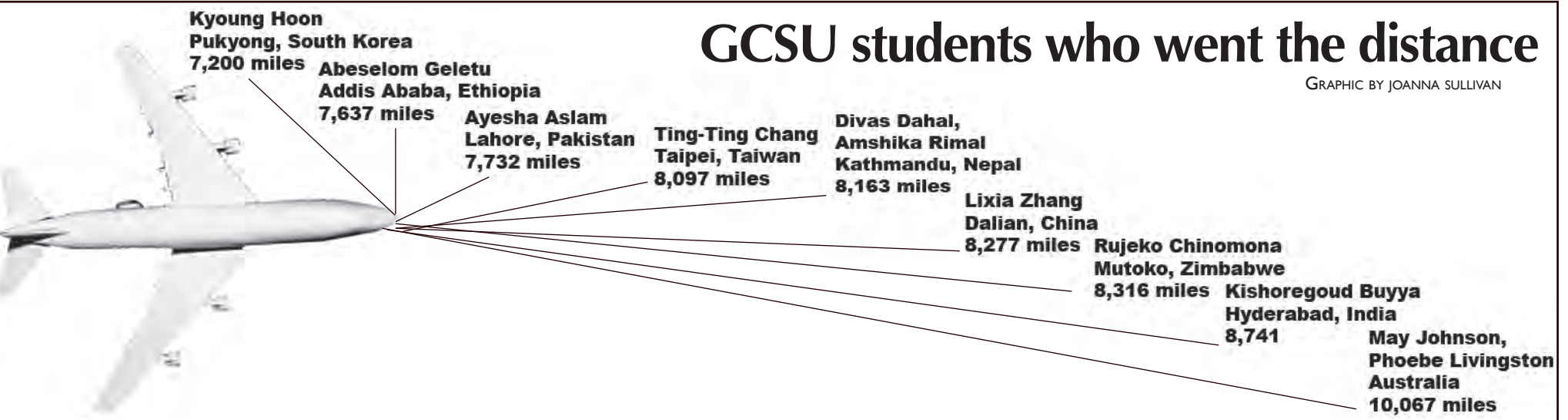


**Ansika Rimal**  
Freshman, Undecided Major  
Hometown: Kathmandu, Nepal



**Rujeko Chinomona**  
Freshman, Math Major  
Hometown: Mutoko, Zimbabwe

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## Public Safety Report



### 1 RUNNER ATTACKED

According to a Public Safety report, on August 26 at approximately 10:03 p.m. a female reported that she was running on Greene Street by the Exchange Bank, wearing her head phones, when a tall, skinny, black male struck her in the back of the head with a brown pole. She said she fell to the ground and started screaming as loud as she could. A group of people heard her screaming and a male saw the suspect running and chased after him, but lost sight of him at Wilkinson and Franklin streets. EMS responded, but the female did not want to be treated. She was given a ride back to her residence at The Bellamy. GCSU Police Officers along with Milledgeville PD officers searched the area, but were unable to locate the suspect.

### 2 VANISHING CASH

According to a Public Safety report, on August 16 at approximately 12:49 p.m. an employee reported that over \$300.00 was missing from the Bobcat Card Office. It appears unknown person(s) could have removed the money from the register while it was left open. The video surveillance was reviewed, but the angle of the cameras prevented Detective Butler from getting a clear shot of the area.

### CELL PHONE SCHEME

According to a Public Safety report, on August 19 at approximately 6:04 p.m. a female reported receiving harassing phone calls from an unknown person. She stated she would hang up, but the person would call back again. The number was researched and found to be a masking number, which is part of a calling scheme trying to keep the person on the line as long as possible and charging a per minute fee. She was advised to keep a check on her phone bill and to report any further suspicious activity and also to register her phone on the “Do Not Call Registry.”

### 5 PIZZA THEFT

According to a Public Safety report, on August 21 at approximately 2:16 a.m. Milledgeville PD put out a call in reference to the theft of “3 Guys and a Pie” restaurant sign and traffic cones. Officer Smith and Officer Purvis observed some males fitting the description of the suspects at Colonial Flats Apartments. When Officer Purvis pulled up to the front of the apartment, he saw several males run into the apartment. When he walked up to the apartment, he heard someone say “lock the door, the police are coming.” The officers then heard someone open the side window and kick out the screen, so Officer Purvis ran around to the side and the subjects went back in the apartment. The officers could observe the suspects running around inside and they were told to come to the front door. A male came to the door and admitted to taking the sign. The case was turned over to Milledgeville PD.

### 6 PARTY EXTINGUISHER

According to a Public Safety report, on August 21 at approximately 11:34 p.m. Officer Purvis was patrolling the area of The Grove when he noticed a large cloud of smoke coming from building three. Officer Purvis went to the area and noticed 30 people around or in the room with alcoholic beverages. Investigations found that the cloud of smoke was caused by someone dispensing a fire extinguisher. Contact was made with the residents of the room. There were alcoholic beverages all in the apartment and most occupants were drinking and under the age of 21. All the occupants were ordered to pour all the alcohol down the sink and the party was shut down. The case has been turned over to Student Judicial.

### SNEAK, SMASH, STEAL

According to a Public Safety report, on August 26 at approximately 8:14 p.m. a male reported that while parked in the parking deck at the Macon Campus, an unknown person broke into his vehicle stealing his radio and amp. A review of the cameras found a male wearing blue pants and a red shirt, but Officer Mason was unable to identify the suspect. The case has been turned over to the Macon Police Department.

Information based upon a submission to The Colonnade by Public Safety.

According to a Public Safety report, on August 26 at approximately 10:03 p.m.

### 3 FOILED ESCAPE

According to a Public Safety report, on August 25 at approximately 9:06 p.m. Milledgeville Police Department requested assistance in reference to a forced entry burglary that had just occurred at College Station Apartments. Sgt. Reonas, Sgt. Miller, Officer Smith and Officer Purvis responded to the scene and set up a perimeter. The suspect was in the woods near Liberty and Hall streets and could be heard trying to escape, but thick undergrowth prevented him from escaping. Officer Smith was able to tackle the suspect and take him into custody. The male had a warrant through Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office and was also a sex offender. He had entered several apartments at College Station and had fled earlier from the Regional Fugitive Task Force after burglarizing homes on the south side of town. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD for processing.

### 4 RAISE THE ALARM

According to a Public Safety report, on August 28 at approximately 3:32 a.m. Officer Ransom was dispatched to Parkhurst Hall in reference to a panic alarm activation. Contact was made with two females, who said two white males frightened them by continuously knocking on their door and not leaving. Contact was made with the males who fit the description given by the victims. They were not students at GCSU and had not been escorted by a student in the building. While speaking with both subjects, the odor of an alcoholic beverage could be detected coming from their persons. Both subjects were arrested and transported to the Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office. Both males were charged with Criminal Trespass and banned from all GCSU property indefinitely and one was charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol.

### TWO-BY-FOUR THREAT

According to a Public Safety report, on August 25 at approximately 6:30 p.m. a male reported that another male had been making threatening comments to him and his friends. They had already filed a report with the Milledgeville Police Department on an earlier date, but the male reportedly made a comment that he would put him in the hospital while holding a metal handle and that he would kill him while holding a two-by-four. Milledgeville Police were called and they arrested the male and charged him with four counts of Terroristic Threats, Simple Assault and Reckless Conduct.

### ‘LEGAL BUD’ BUST

According to a Public Safety report, on August 28 at approximately 10:23 p.m. Sgt. Miller was driving behind a vehicle on Hancock Street and detected the odor of burning marijuana coming from the vehicle. A traffic stop was conducted and contact made with the driver and passenger. The passenger denied smoking marijuana and stated there were no drugs in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle found a marijuana blunt that had been dropped inside a Mountain Dew bottle, an ashtray with marijuana leaves painted on it, a set of digital scales and four plastic bags. The passenger advised that the paraphernalia was used to sell “Legal Bud,” a business he does on the side. When asked again, he admitted that the blunt was his. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana.

## What’s Happening

### Friday, September 3

All day College Colors Day  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. WELLness: Fit Friday Demonstration Booth, Free Weight Workouts (Fountain)

### Monday, September 6

Labor Day Holiday No Classes

### Tuesday, September 7

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Modern Woodmen of America: Career Opportunities with Scott Bennett (Atkinson Hall Lobby)  
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. WELLness: Freedom From Smoking cessation program (211 Health Sciences Building)  
7:00 p.m. Thunder Crew Informational Meeting (Centennial Center)  
10:45 p.m. Auditions for Rocky Horror Picture Show (Russel Auditorium)

### Wednesday, September 8

All day SGA Senator Elections  
12:00 p.m. - 6 p.m. Fall Frenzy  
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Dialogue with an Executive Series - The Joys of Working in a Green Career (Atkinson 202)  
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Future High School Educators: Meet and Greet (Kilpatrick)  
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Times Talk (Beeson Hall)  
6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. Venture Out: Open Rock Climbing Night at East Campus (Outdoor Center at Lake Laurel)  
6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. Art Stop for Kids Interest Meeting (Mayfair 101)

### Thursday, September 9

All day SGA Senator Elections  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Style Your Sole Party (the courtyard between Parkhurst and Foundation Hall)

### Send us your calendar submissions

If you know of a GCSU or community event open to all students, please let us know. Send submissions including the date, time, event name and description to [rebeccaburns89@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaburns89@gmail.com).

## Beyond the Columns

When, Where	Action	What it means
August 13 United States	An outbreak of Salmonella Enteritidis among hundreds of people across America leads to the nationwide recall of shell eggs.	The outbreak has been traced back to eggs produced by Wright County Egg of Galt, Iowa, and Hillandale Farms in Iowa has been identified as a second potential source of contaminated eggs. Consumers of recalled eggs should discard them or return them to their retailer for a refund as Salmonella can cause serious infections. To find out whether your eggs have been recalled or the symptoms of Salmonella visit the U.S. Food and Drug Administration at <a href="http://www.fda.gov">www.fda.gov</a> .
August 18 Portland, Oregon	Warner Robins American Little League all-stars softball team celebrate win their second straight World Series title.	Warner Robins American Little League team triumphed 8-6 over Burbank, California. The champions were welcomed home Friday August 20 by hundreds of fans and Governor Sonny Perdue at their home field at Flint Energies sports Complex.
August 31 5 p.m. ET Iraq	America’s combat mission in Iraq ends.	After seven and a half years of fighting in Iraq, President Barack Obama announced the conclusion of the combat mission in a speech from the Oval Office. However, roughly 50,000 American troops will remain in Iraq until the end of 2011 with the mission of training and assisting the Iraqis. More than 4,400 U.S. military personnel were killed and 30,000 were wounded during the mission. The Iraqi civilian death toll is estimated around 100,000.
August Augusta, Georgia	Litigation started last month between GCSU alumna Jennifer Keeton and Augusta State University.	Keeton, who is pursuing her masters in counseling at ASU, claims that the university wants her to change her views on gays according to many news sources. The Alliance Defense Fund has taken Keeton’s case. ASU says that she violated the creeds of the American Counseling Association.
September 3 East Coast	Hurricane Earl, a category 3 hurricane, approaches the East Coast.	With winds extending outward up to 90 miles from the center, and tropical storm-force winds up to 200 miles, Hurricane Earl is causing hurricane warnings and watches for portions of the North Carolina and Virginia coastlines this week as well as mandatory evacuation for some of the barrier islands. Federal Emergency Management Agency teams have been placed on standby to assist each state along the East Coast, and forecasters expect Earl to make direct landfall over southern Nova Scotia on Saturday morning as a strong Category 1 hurricane.



## Our Voice

*Hey everyone, stay in Milledgeville.  
No more leaving on weekends.*

### suitcase college (n)

A college or university where many students go back home every weekend. \*

Driving by the residential parking lots on a weekend, you’ll see that at least half the cars are gone. Some people are in Athens, Ga., some in Macon, Ga. GCSU students scatter to various cities around the state. For some reason GCSU students hate Milledgeville. People don’t like to stay here.

It’s true, everyone needs a change of scenery. Living in and using a room as your house can get tiresome. That doesn’t mean as soon as Friday classes (or Thursday if you’re lucky) are over that we should all hop in our cars and race away.

Now Milledgeville isn’t the largest or most bustling town in Georgia. Sure our mall is only four or five stores and our movie theater isn’t the largest. That shouldn’t matter though. People only use things like that as an excuse.

The Colonnade wants more people to stay in town during the weekend. We believe if more people stayed in town for more than four days a week, businesses would be more likely to further cater to students. And if enough people stayed in town for enough weekends—who knows—new, more fun places could start popping up.

We know what you’re thinking. “But Colonnade, there’s nothing exciting to do now. I don’t care about the future.” Well you should care. And you’re wrong—there are plenty of good things to do. Milledgeville has a lot to offer if you know where to look.

There are numerous shops downtown to buy new and even old things. The antique stores are great to revisit the past and possibly even take some of it home with you. The hair and nail salons all over town could easily provide a girl’s dream day.

The Oconee Greenway isn’t just for dog walking. The trail, river and obstacle course allow you to spend time outside of your dorm room, just seeing what nature has. Bartram Forest, Lockerly Arboretum and Andalusia both have acres of natural habitats ripe for walking, photography sessions or just reading under a tree. Lake Sinclair is only 12 miles down the road for all your water and fishing needs.

Or if you’re feeling more retro-inspired, there’s bowling and roller skating. Milledgeville has so many things to do. There’s no reason to leave town and head back to your hometown every weekend. Of course the occasional home-cooked meal is a very reasonable excuse to head back to Mom and Dad. But eating home-cooked meals every weekend doesn’t benefit you or Milledgeville.

College is all about experiencing new things and hanging with new people. You get none of that by going back home to your safety net of friends and family. Stay here and enjoy what Milledgeville has to offer. It might surprise you how much fun it actually is.

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## CORRECTIONS

- In an article entitled “Upcoming auditions for The Rocky Horror Picture Show” in the August 6 issue, the website was incorrect. The correct url was rockyonclarke.org
- In the column entitled “A race neither party will win” in the August 6 issue, the columnist name is Ian Bridgeforth.

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# Head to Head



## Mosque at Ground Zero

### It’s Insensitive

JONATHAN SAVITSKE

First off, let it be known I am not arguing the constitutionality of the construction of the ground zero mosque. We live in the United States and have the right not only to worship how we choose, but we have the right to worship where we choose. In this case, it just so happens that a group of Muslims decided they want to worship a couple of city blocks away from the area where the most devastating attack ever on American soil happened. Fine. I get it. They have the right. The constitution is on their side.

Now, can we please put aside these arguments for a second and listen to the other side of the story? First of all, the Sept. 11 attacks were perpetrated by terrorists who were all Muslim. I’m not saying that all Muslims are terrorists. In fact that is far from the truth, but all the terrorists that attacked the World Trade Center on that day were Muslims.

Can we stop and think for a second? If you were a Muslim, why would you want to put a place of worship and peace at the same place where members of your religion committed acts of terrorism and killed over 3,000 innocent people? This is downright insensitive and offensive on the part of the individuals who wish to construct this community center.

Why can’t you put this new community center somewhere else in New York? Some place that wouldn’t be so offensive and insensitive not only to the people who died that day and their families, but to all Americans as well? Why is someone that radical in charge of this supposed place of peace?

One more question to ask is one of transparency. Where is the funding for this mosque coming from? The builders will not reveal from whom or where the estimated \$100 million to build the mosque is coming from. What do I say about this? Not that what I say matters at all, but in my opinion the construction of this mosque is a symbol of the conquest of America at the very place where Al Qaeda and Islamic fundamentalism attacked America.

They are in essence planting a victory flag for Islamic fundamentalism to show the conquest of America for the entire world to see. They are in essence saying, “We have conquered America, and this is where we did it!”

Is it constitutional? Yes. Do they have the right to build this mosque under the First Amendment? Yeah, I get it. Just don’t tell me that these people aren’t being insensitive to those who died that day as well as to all Americans.

### It’s Constitutional

KAHLIM BARCLAY

First, this so-called ground zero mosque is not zoned to be built upon the ground zero site. Such notions are exaggerations, media influence and inflammatory language used to increase sales and ratings.

The facts provide a clearer picture of the situation at hand. The cultural community center is to be built two blocks from the ground zero site in the place of a closed Burlington Coat Factory building. The language of the media-given nickname for the community center is used to incite anger, rage and fear within the hearts of American citizens, thus manipulating the issue at hand.

The next factor in the building of the community center that must be addressed is that of constitutionality. As property owners in New York City, the individuals planning to build the community center have a First Amendment right to establish any institution in which they choose as long as state and federal law is obeyed. The center hosts a variety of recreational facilities as well as a mosque for Islamic prayer and worship. Under the First Amendment, the United States makes no laws hindering the ability for a place of worship to be established, regardless of religion.

Constitutionally speaking, the community center has a right to be established with a mosque inside of its walls. The United States was founded on the principles of freedom and certain unalienable rights that extends to all, despite race, gender, religion or creed. As Americans living in a post-Sept. 11 world, we must be careful where we place our animosity. Promoting generalizations about an entire religion and region of the world based upon the actions of murderous terrorists is not the American way. The laws and values of the United States do not extend toward certain law abiding citizens while ignoring others. Conveniently disallowing essential unalienable rights to property owners due to their religion is in no way American, but in many ways intolerant and fascist.

Believe me, I understand the devastation that this nation experienced upon Sept. 11. However, there is something essential we must all understand. Islam was not responsible, religious extremism was responsible. As Americans we must uphold constitutional values, especially those enumerated within the Bill of Rights. Emotional baggage and small minded-ness must not impede our ability to allow freedoms to individual looking for equality within our nation. We live in the United States of America, and all within our borders enjoy the liberty provided to them by the constitution.

## What do you think about the mosque?

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# Best job: Tombstone salesman

Everyone hates summer jobs, but students are forced into them because between parking tickets from Spring semester and tuition for Fall—every dollar counts. During the first week of classes, my friends and I usually have a contest to see who had the worst employer. However, this year I was unable to compete because I had the best summer job imaginable. I worked for my father’s business selling tombstones.

Every morning I would open the shop at sunrise in hopes an eager customer would arrive begging for assistance, and my expectations were almost always fulfilled. Each day, someone would walk through the door in a defeated fashion, sit on the 1980s style couch, and ask for assistance between fits of uncontrollable weeping. After hours of tear-jerking home stories, I helped widows pick beautiful \$8,000 headstones for Fluffy, while their husbands would forever rest in a cheap urn shaped like a copy of The Bible. Once again, my life had meaning.

The joy of helping others is a common trait in my family, so everyone did their best to help. My mother



STEVE  
HOLBERT

would answer the phones after getting off work at the local nursing home, who was one of our proud sponsors. My uncle would stop by and file paperwork between shifts at the shop where he fixes brakes on school buses. I would spend countless hours flipping through the obituaries and sending sympathy cards to grieving families with auspiciously placed business cards inside. To create a more personal touch, I’d include an inspirational Bible verse, such as “Let the dead bury the dead.” Upon reading the cards, families realize grandpa’s stiff, purple hands are incapable of shoveling dirt, so they’ll call us for help.

Occasionally, I was blessed with the opportunity to incorporate my English and Theatre degrees into my summer job. Families have the hardest time learning the difference between their “Dear Mother” and their “Dear

Mother”. I soon learned morticians had to frequently saw antlers off family members to comfortably fit into the casket. I also offered my head shot knowledge when clients brought in family photos for us to copy onto porcelain tiles. Talent scouts and mourners both agree grandpa looks more desirable if he’s immortalized wearing his fedora instead of a feeding tube.

Not only was the summer great for my wallet, but becoming a business partner boosted my self esteem. Customers were wary of the shop, so I redecorated the lot using angel monuments instead of boring stone squares. Customers would constantly ask, “The markers outside the door are so beautiful. Who designed them, and what are they?” I could always smile and proudly say, “Those are my baby graves.”

Throughout my summer there was not a single raincloud that darkened my doorstep for more than a few brief moments. The worst day was in mid-July when a rather bitter man entered and said, “Business looks dead.” However, I simply pulled out a form and clicked my pink pen with optimism, “Like your wife?”



# U.S. uranium policy hurts



MICHAEL RUSSELL

In the development and deployment of conventional and non-conventional (nuclear) weaponry, the United States’ military maintains an overwhelming preponderance of resources and expertise at enormous cost to taxpayers; its budget makes up nearly half of the world’s combined military spending. In light of this unchallenged dominance, the United States’ continued use of depleted uranium exposes a policy of brutality in a war officially undertaken for the benefit of Iraq and the Middle East.

However, this policy has proven to be yet another foray into cynical power politics and energy resource dominance, one that will continue to plague generations of Iraqi citizens long into the future.

Depleted uranium is the waste material left over from nuclear power production. In a new generation of weapons, it has found a niche role granting the user unparalleled tactical advantages. According to Doug Rokke, a medical specialist assigned to the Gulf War and an outspoken critic of depleted uranium, an “M1 (tank) round is over 10 pounds of solid uranium 236, contaminated with plutonium, neptunium and americium.”

The depleted uranium is soft yet dense, allowing it to move through most anything. Unlike other metals, it does not contort when striking a target, and continues to pass though cleanly. Its manufacture is also cheaper than its alternative, tungsten. Up to 70 percent of the projectile can burn on impact, creating a lethal inferno incapacitating anyone inside a vehicle or building. The residue of a depleted

uranium explosion is an extremely fine ceramic uranium dust, which cannot be blocked by normal gas masks and protective gear. The Pentagon openly acknowledges depleted uranium use, but does not agree with its level of toxicity and downplays harmful radioactivity in former war zones.

According to a recently released study, “Cancer, Infant Mortality and Birth Sex-Ratio in Fallujah, Iraq 2005-2009,” the civilian population in Fallujah has shown increases in leukemia and cancer rates greater than those recorded from victims of the Hiroshima bombing.

The effects are horrific, including a girl born with two heads and children paralyzed from the waist down. Although the study does not contribute the sudden spike in illness directly to depleted uranium, the US military’s past use of the material and its radioactive effects would seem to indicate depleted uranium was used extensively during the campaign.

The Pentagon has acknowledged that at least 1,200 tons of depleted uranium have been used in Iraq thus far, which should lead Americans to re-evaluate the role their military plays in world affairs, to what end our defense budget is being used and what we are sacrificing when foreign policy is dictated by a narrow elite.

We as Americans by virtue of our liberal democratic traditions are given a tremendous amount of responsibility in deciding what our government can and cannot do. The will to enact proactive change inspired pioneers of the past in order to benefit us in the present; failure to do so now would only see future violence so destructive the earth upon which it is played out literally will not sustain life.

Perhaps Fallujah may be a sign of things to come, or perhaps we may learn that for every catastrophe we allow to happen the further we are from achieving universal peace.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The start of school brings one certainty to Milledgeville—increased traffic all over town, but especially in the downtown and campus area. In an effort to save time on a congested commute, cut fuel costs, stay fit and get around sustainably, more and more people are turning to bicycles.

I believe this is a very positive thing for our community. Bicycling presents a host of benefits to Milledgeville: from building a healthier populace, to decreasing the parking congestion downtown while

serving more people, to attracting more tourism dollars.

However, the increased number of bicycles on the streets of Milledgeville means that there is an increased risk of encounters between bikes, automobiles and pedestrians. Managing this risk is the responsibility of the whole community. Motorists need to obey speed limits, yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and give plenty of room when passing bicycles.

Cyclists can greatly help matters by riding predict-

ably. Ride with traffic, obey traffic signals, and leave the sidewalks and crosswalks to pedestrians. If each of us is a little more aware of what’s going on around us, we can all get around town more safely and easily.

I invite you to join the Bicycling Club of Milledgeville for our monthly meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the basement of Blackbird Coffee.

-Adam Heagy  
President, Bicycling Club of Milledgeville

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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All letters must be typed and include:

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- address/ e-mail address
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- year of study
- major

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- Letters may be condensed.
- All letters will be edited for grammar, spelling and punctuation errors.
- All letters become the property of The Colonnade and cannot be returned.
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# The Litter Box

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Last message received at: 6:33:10 PM

Dear teacher of a GRADUATE CLASS: Can you really talk about effective teaching techniques, responding and adapting your students’ input, and NOT SEE that we are ALL bored out of our skulls, on Facebook, texting and watching videos right now?????

I can’t be the only senior who’s not ready to graduate, can I? Is EVERYONE excited to leave? Please, someone, tell me I’m not alone!

Its amazing when professors stand out side of Herty in front of the “No longer a smoking area” sign, and light up. I guess a PhD holder forgets how to read. Next time take the time and read the signs, it may save your life.

About transportation—when I’m driving I feel more superior than pedestrians and when I’m walking I feel more superior than drivers, but bicyclists will always be at the bottom of the food chain when it comes to transportation.

Absolutely hating the construction on the “Wellness Center” at West Campus. COLOSSAL inconvenience for everyone living there.

There is never anywhere to park near the art department, that is not 2 hour parking and all my classes are 3 hours

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# Bobcat Beat

REPORTED BY MICHAEL FORSYTH

“If you could add any major to the GCSU curriculum, what would it be and why?”

**“I would like dance to be considered a major instead of a minor.”**

*Catherine Ziemann, freshman English major*

**“They have my major (marketing) so I am pretty content.”**

*Bailey Dobbs, freshman marketing major*

**“Mind reading, I would like to learn how to read minds and do it professionally.”**

*Dana Balch, freshman pre-mass communication major*

**“Public Policy, because that’s what I want to do.”**

*Lindsey Schirato, sophomore business major*

**“Botany or plant biology, it was an interest I had starting out, but I didn’t want to stick to just biology.”**

*Nicholas Wegel, sophomore accounting major*

**“Something dealing with law. For a growing school, I think that would be a good idea.”**

*Nick Callas, freshman economics major*

## POLL OF THE WEEK

How many hours are you taking this semester?

Hours	Percentage
14-16 hours	59%
11-13 hours	25%
More than 16 hours	9%
7-10 hours	5%
Fewer than 6 hours	2%

**Next week’s question:**

What do you think about the ground zero mosque?

- I think they should build it
- I don’t think it should be built
- I don’t know what it is
- Other (Send letters to [colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu](mailto:colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu))

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## New season, high hopes

GCSU Soccer returning veteran team, looking to improve on 2009 finish

SCOTTY THOMPSON  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU soccer team kicks off its season today at Florida Southern and will then take on Lynn University on the road, Sept. 5.

New head coach Hope Clark summed up the 2010 season as one that will involve both a different style of soccer and high expecta-

tions.

The Bobcats will be returning eight starters from the 2009 season, in which they finished third in the Peach Belt Conference and had four All-Conference selections. Clark believes this will lead to success.

“I’m anticipating a very strong season for us. This is an excellent group of young ladies, and there’s definitely

a lot of depth to our roster,” Clark said. “There are a lot of returners, and there are also a lot of ladies stepping up and making their presence known.”

Defense should be a key stronghold for GCSU during the season. Leading the way will be senior goalkeeper Mary Rob Plunkett, who became the first All-American in school history and is a

two-time All-PBC member. Plunkett had an impressive .896 save percentage last year and is a preseason All-PBC goalkeeper. She will be backed up by redshirt freshman Taylor Mulryan.

The defensive line will be held by two more All-Conference selections in senior Jessica Binkowski and junior Tawny Moffat. Another pair of starters, sophomores

Becky Knoll and Jamie Colcord, are back to help anchor the back and middle defensive line. Sophomores Haley O’Hayer and Amanda Veillon along with senior Kayla Emerson are expected to contribute as well.

Two-time All-Conference selection Ally Treat, a senior, will lead the Bobcats mid

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## Three Bobcats make preseason All-PBC team

CAITLIN MULLANEY  
STAFF WRITER

One of the main goals of the GCSU soccer team this season is winning the Peach Belt Conference, a goal that is within their reach with three GCSU seniors on the PBC All-Conference Team.

“The three seniors earned it; they are a leading example on and off the field, great athletes and great role models,” said Coach Hope Clark.

The seniors Mary Rob Plunkett, Jessica Binkowski and Ally Treat have all previously been selected for the PBC All-Conference Team, and had different reactions about being honored again.

“I never expect it and I am always excited, and I always play with my heart. It is an honor just to be named on the team,” Binkowski said.

Goalkeeper Plunkett is from Augusta, Ga., and has had a very successful soccer career at GCSU.

Her sophomore year she was named to the Second Team All-PBC, five time PBC Goalkeeper of the Week, and was named a GCSU Athlete of the Week.

Her junior year she was named to the NSCAA All-American Third Team, NSCAA National Scholar First Team, NSCAA All-Southeast Region First Team, Daktronics All-Southeast Region First Team, All-PBC First Team, PBC All-Academic Second Team, and four-time PBC Goalkeeper of the Week.

“I never expect it and I am always excited, and I always play with my heart. It is an honor just to be named to the team.”

Jessica Binkowski,  
Senior defender

“It was not expected at all. I don’t think about awards. I’m not any better than before,” Plunkett said. “I think it is a symbol of the program more than of me.”

About the upcoming season Plunkett noted, “I want to do the same, play my best every game and practice. In addition I want to win the Peach Belt, it has never been done before at this school, and it is within our reach.”

Binkowski, a defensive player, is from Cumming, Ga., where she experienced her favorite sports moment by winning the state championship senior year. Her success has continued at GCSU. Her sophomore year she was named to the Second Team All-Academic PBC, Second Team

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WESLEY ROBERTSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Binkowski is a two-time All-PBC selection and will anchor a strong defensive backfield for the Bobcats in 2010.



WESLEY ROBERTSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Plunkett became GCSU’s first ever All-American in soccer. She has two appearances on the All-PBC team to her credit.



WESLEY ROBERTSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Treat is being widely hailed as one of the top midfielders in the conference and will be a crucial player for the Bobcats this year.

## Bobcat Cross Country teams prepare for 2010 campaigns

WESLEY TANNER  
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU men and women’s Cross Country teams have been in the forest gearing up for the upcoming 2010 season. After their success last year, both teams have been placed fourth in the preseason Peach Belt Conference rankings, and they say they feel even stronger this year. For the women’s team, the Bobcats have two returning seniors on the team, Dani Destiche from Snellville and Alex Taylor from Marietta.

Destiche, who ran to an All-PBC position her freshman year, also drew attention to the team’s new runners. GCSU has added six freshmen to its

roster, Phoebe Livingston from Melbourne, Australia, Andrea Barnes from Snellville, Taylor Davis from Newborn, Allison Lones from Kathleen, Madeline McCane from McDonough and Ashton Passino from Alpharetta.

“Freshmen Andrea Byrnes and Phoebe Livingston have been strong at practice,” Destiche said.

The GCSU men’s team also has two returning seniors on the roster, Tim Cary from Monroe and Erik Ottoson from Suwanee. Cary was awarded as a Peach Belt Conference All-Academic in the 2009 season. The men’s cross country team is welcoming three new freshman to the pack, Tucker Forbes from Lilburn, Cody Hackney from

Marietta and Zack Robinson from Snellville.

Head Coach Joe Samproni was pleased that his upperclassmen returned healthy and well-trained, but the new talent on the team is the buzz among the players.

“Everyone’s on their toes,” junior Rob Manning said. “Any of us could be in the top five.”

Seven runners can qualify for a race and the top five times are counted toward the team’s score.

The GCSU men’s and women’s teams both have their first meet at home as they host the Bobcat Invitational at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 10 on West Campus. Coach Samproni is hoping for a good turnout of support for the team during their first and only home invitational of the season.

BREAKING  
THE  
Rule



CALEB RULE  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Football season is coming! Get excited! Be ready! Buy stuff to support!

Or you could wait until it actually feels like football season. (Of course, that’ll be November, and then you missed most of the out-of-conference fun.)

Speaking of football: is anyone else tired of big-time college football programs that turn out to be wusses? For instance, who cares about the annual Youngstown State vs. Ohio State/Penn State showdown? (“Hey, Joe Pa! Tressel here. Yeah, we wanted some motivation for trashing a harmless opponent, so do you want to switch cupcakes? ..Great!”)

This is why mid-major powers have gained more and more prominence. It’s all about national television exposure, and when Virginia Tech and Boise State decide it’s okay to take the other’s best shot, people care. And by people, I mean potential recruits, families, coaches and poll voters.

Just saying. This year, I will care about Oregon State and TCU. And LSU-North Carolina.

Remember who beat Virginia Tech last year in the first week? Alabama. (How’d that turn out?)

This week’s rule to break: Fantasy football players calling fantasy baseball players pansies. Last I checked, most baseball leagues require everyday maintenance. Your football team takes five minutes, twice a week to stay updated.

Someone who’s always been a man is Lou Pinella. He breathed life into the city of Chicago by taking the Cubbies deep into the playoffs before overpaid, underwhelming veterans finally killed the mojo this season.

Between Pinella and Bobby Cox retiring, the manager’s position increasingly becomes lesser-known.

Quick, name me five managers besides Joe Torre, Joe Girardi, and Tony la Russa who aren’t retiring at the end of this season. (....stumped yet? I only thought of three offhand: Buck Showalter, Mike Scosia, and Ozzie Guillen)

The fact is, managers don’t have as much power or prestige as they used to. If you read “Moneyball” (a fantastic read for any baseball fan, by the way!) you’ll see why: The general manager makes more decisions in the front office than ever before.

Because of less influence, managers have fallen out of the public eye except for temper tantrums (see: ESPN’s collection of Lou Pinella on-field rants), ejection records, and when things go right/wrong on the field. So consider this an official Breaking the Rule farewell to one of the last legendary managers of the game: Please, go raise one of your kids to carry the tradition.

Time into Caleb Rule on gcsuradio.com, or hear the podcast at <http://milled-gevillesportstalk.blogspot.com>

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Stop



### Upcoming Games

#### Soccer:

Sept. 3 12 p.m. @ Fla. Southern  
Sept. 5 12 p.m. @ Lynn

#### Golf:

Sept. 6 All Day Kiawah Island  
Sept. 7 All Day Kiawah Island

### Quote of the Week

“We will make every decision on the future based on what’s best for Mark and his career. This is not an injury that will affect Mark’s future ability to make a full recovery in a relatively short time.”

— Alabama head coach Nick Saban on running back Mark Ingram’s arthroscopic knee surgery Tuesday. (ESPN.com).

### Notable Stat

1,658

Number of rushing yards by Ingram in his 2009 Heisman Trophy season. He added 20 rushing touchdowns, as the Tide rolled to a national title.



# Golf leans on new faces to continue success

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The GCSU golf team has some changes to adjust to as they prepare themselves for the upcoming season.

Two of the Bobcats' starters Niclas Johansson and Francisco Bide have both graduated from GCSU this past spring. Johansson and Bide both started for four years and made up for 40 percent of the starting line up at GCSU.

Also, another one of the Bobcats' players, senior Joe Young is currently out right now due to having arthroscopic elbow surgery. The team hopes that Young will recover and be off the sidelines as soon as possible. During last year's season, Johansson, Bide and Young all were awarded the All-Peach Belt Conference Honorable Mention Award. Bide also was also named the PBC Player of the year during the 2010 spring season. In order to find new talent, GCSU has also brought in six freshmen players this year, Pontus

Andersson, Gavin Harper, Victor Monte, Brantley Patton, Ryan Trocchio and Tyler Tucker.

"Hopefully, with the number of new players we'll be a lot more competitive during qualifying, which would better prepare us for tournament play, head coach Jimmy Wilson said. "Some of them have stepped up and been competitive in qualifying and some of them will get their start not this weekend but next weekend in Florence, South Carolina at Francis Marion's tournament. So we'll see there how ready there are."

GCSU has two returning seniors on the team, Young and Billy Shida.

"I'm excited to get my senior year going and to have some new faces. We have a team that is mentally capable of putting things behind us and focusing on what's ahead," senior Billy Shida said. "We're a pretty close team and have gotten the know each other. The young kids are looking towards the older kids for advice and leadership, we've become a

pretty close knit group."

The Bobcats made numerous high accomplishments during the 2010 season. The GCSU golf team won three tournaments last year, the Matlock Collegiate Classic, the Kiawah Island Invitational, and the Peach Belt Conference Championship.

The team also received the high award last season of the Academic National Champions by the Georgia Coaches Association of America. Coach Wilson was also awarded by the GCAA as the GCAA Regional Coach of the Year last year. The Bobcats are working hard to train and prepare themselves to repeat this high achievement of success.

"I think that we have the skill to get it done and have a good shot. We should get some wins and bring home some trophies," sophomore Pat Garrett said. "Hopefully, our greatest strength will be consistency and having some good players with low scores. I know for me personally, I need to work on finding time to practice,

keeping my game tight, and not letting anything get away from me."

GCSU will have to face some tough opponents this season in the Peach Belt Conference including Florida Southern who is the defending national champion.

The Bobcats are on the road next Monday and Tuesday to travel to Kiawah Island where they will play in their first tournament of the year at the Kiawah Island Invitational hosted by USC Aiken.

The tournament will take place on the par-72, 6,875-yard Cougar Point golf course and the Bobcats will be one of eight teams playing in the tournament.

"We've done all the qualifying we're going to do, we'll load up in the van Saturday morning and start traveling," Coach Wilson said. "Hopefully we'll have some good discussions on the way up there and have some good discussions Sunday during the practice round and be ready to play Monday morning."



FILE PHOTO  
Shida is one of the key returning players for the Bobcats this fall.

# GCSU introduces kickball into intramural schedule

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As summer turns to fall, students at GCSU will be putting on their cleats and heading out onto the turf. Teams will begin practicing for intramural flag football by tossing around the pigskin and going deep for passes.

But this year at GCSU flag football won't be the only sport taking place at West Campus. An old playground pastime—kickball—is now here.

"Kickball is something new and I think it could be a lot of fun," said sophomore Anthony Spagna.

Freshman Billy Benzur wasn't so sure about the idea of playing intramural kickball. "Right now it is just kickball, but before you know it, they will be allowing intramural chess at this institution," Benzur said. "Intramural sports are about breaking a sweat, not breaking my social status before it is even formed here at GCSU."

Lindsey Forester, a junior, is a supervisor for recreational sports.

"I have enjoyed kickball since my younger years and I feel like it is safe to say that kickball is good for several reasons," Forester said. "First, in middle school it was great for the girls who fought over the boys, and now it is a chance to separate the women from the wimps; needless to say things could get rowdy."

"Kickball will be a great way for athletes in general to get out on the field, and play around," Forester added. "It provides students with another option besides football for this time of year. Not everyone likes football."

Some important notes for the players and those interested in kickball is that there must be six to 10 people on the field at a time, and that all games are self-officiated. Games will be played similar to softball with 40 minute time limits and no limits on innings played.

All playoff games will continue into

extra innings until a winner is determined. Teams will pitch to their own kickers, and that pitcher will not be responsible for playing defense. If a ball hits the pitcher, the kicker will be out. Each kicker will receive a maximum of two pitches, and there will be no bunting, stealing or leading off.

On defense, only one player may be inside all baselines, while the rest have to stand back even or behind the bases. Catchers are optional. Players are out when they are hit by a thrown ball below the shoulders. Any runner hit above the shoulders is safe.

While mentioning the similarity to softball, Forester also gave a sneak peak at another new sport to look forward to next semester. During the spring, four-on-four flag football will be available for GCSU students. Only time will tell how successful four-on-four football will be along with the new spectator sport at GCSU of kickball.

### Kickball Rules and Procedures

1. 10 players on the field
2. 40-minute time limits
3. Each kicker gets two pitches.
4. Teams use own pitchers.
5. Three outs per inning
6. No bunting or stealing.
7. No jewelry allowed
8. Kicker is out similar to softball.
9. Mercy rule of 20 or more runs.
10. No infield fly rule

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Thunder was born on Nov. 28, 2007 and has been the school's mascot ever since.



# Thunderstruck

## Learn more about Thunder

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**Q: How long have you been the mascot for GCSU?**  
A: My birthday is on Nov. 28, 2007, so for almost three years.

**Q: What's it like being a 7 foot tall Bobcat?**  
A: Its definitely hard shopping for clothes. Often times, I have to have them custom made. Due the the fact that I am pretty buff up top, I need to make sure the clothes I wear can accommodate my huge muscles.

**Q: Do you have a favorite sport that you enjoy cheering for the most?**

A: I love every sport that GCSU athletics competes in equally. Just the other day for example, I was out on the Little Fishing Creek Golf Course, the official golf course of the GCSU golf team, playing a few holes. However, there is something about Centennial Center that draws me in, not because I like basketball more than the other sports, but because Centennial Center is the home of Bobcat athletics.

**Q: Is there a certain mascot that you consider to be your archnemesis?**

A: With no doubt about it, my archnemesis is the mascot of the North Georgia College and State University Saints, Saint Bernard. And of course the NGCSU mascot St. Bernard is the St. Bernard dog, which as you might have guessed bobcats and dogs aren't always the best of friends.

**Q: What do you like to do in your spare time?**

A: When I'm not keeping up with Bobcats sports and being an avid thunder crew member, I like to partake in what's going on with student government. I also enjoy appearing at community service events and local hospitals. I definitely don't like to sit around. I like to keep myself busy and always remain a very active bobcat.

**Q: If you could wish for anything in the world, what would it be?**

A: That the GCSU athletic department will win the Commissioner Cup three consecutive years in a row, and a big bowl of meow mix to help celebrate the win.



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Thunder enjoys a number of sports and participating in many activities around the GCSU campus. He says he will do all he can to ensure the Bobcats capture another Commissioner's Cup.



### Soccer

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field. She will be joined by junior Karen Bonilla and freshman Taylor Lee, who has made an early impression on Clark. Junior Leah Frazer and sophomore Olivia Holden will also see playing time in the midfield.

Up front, the Bobcats will be led by 2009's leading scorer, junior Megan McAlpin, who has five goals and six assists a year ago. Sophomore Anna Wierzbicki and senior Jessica Newland will be key offensive players as well. In addition, a trio of freshmen are expected to make significant contributions to GCSU's offensive attack, including Alex Knight, Allie Schechner and Stephanie Andino.

The Bobcats had some offensive struggles last year, but Clark's aggressive offensive style should produce better results.

"We're going to need to take a few more

risks and have more impact players than just role players," Clark said. "It's going to be a very different style of play, a lot more aggressive. It's just something we will have to get used to as the season goes along."

With so many key players returning and making their mark, Clark expects the team to improve on last year's third place finish in the conference. As for the competition, she says it's too early to tell.

"There should be several strong teams. One that sticks out is Armstrong Atlantic, but we feel like we should be right there in the mix," she said. "There are a lot of great coaches in this conference, and as a result, there will be several good teams."

But improving is the team's main goal. "We were third last year in the conference. In the past, this program has achieved very highly. This year, we're looking to up ourselves and go higher than third," Clark said.

### PBC

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All-PBC, and COSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Third Team. Her junior year she was named to the All-PBC Second Team, PBC All-Academic First Team, PBC Goalkeeper of the Week, and PBC Defensive Player of the Week.

"I am really depressed this is my last season playing. I don't know what I am going to do with all the free time. I want to win the PBC, so we don't have to hope for that call that says we are in the national tournament, and I want to win all the home games," Binkowski said.

Defensive and mid-field player Treat is from Fayetteville, Ga., and has also found success in the GCSU soccer program. Her sophomore year she was named to the Second Team All-PBC, First Team All-Academ-

ic PBC, and a PBC Player of the week.

Her junior year she was named to the All-PBC Second Team and the PBC All-Academic First Team.

"It's really nice to know people recognize you as a hard worker and that I'm still qualified [for the team]," Treat said.

As for their futures in the world of soccer, the girls were pretty unanimous in saying that GCSU would be the last place that they were going to play soccer.

"Soccer has helped me work toward my goals," Plunkett said. "I would like to see what more is out there."

"I set a standard of 110 percent. I am a pretty intense coach. When the girls come to practice and to games they are going to their job, and when they come to work they need to get to work. All the teams on our schedule are strong opponents, but we are a great pool of 26 strong," Clark said.

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